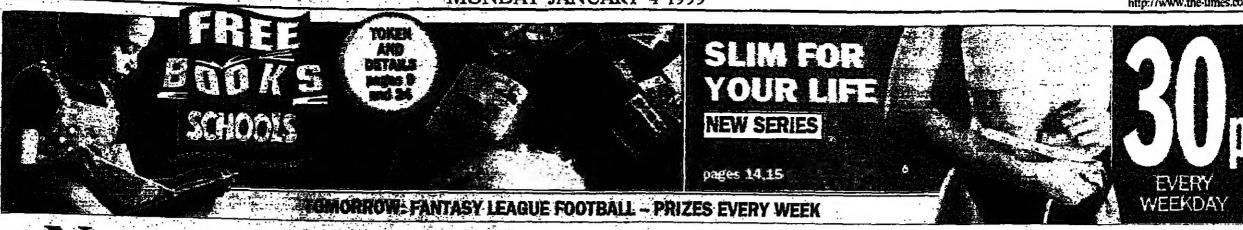
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New turmoil hits Clinton over prostitute's son

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

THE teenage son of a black Arkansas prostitute is awaiting the results of a DNA test to determine if he was fathered by President Clinton, it was reported yesterday.

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Monica Lewinsky. Danny Williams, 13. whose mother Bobbie Ann has long insisted that he was the product of one of a number of sexual encounters with Mr Clinton, was said to be in hiding last night with representatives of The Suar, a supermarket tabloid newspaper.

According to Matt Drudge, the Internet gossip columnist who introduced the world to Monica Lewinsky, the boy was persuaded by The Star to supply a sample of

his DNA, but the results of a comparison william Climon's DNA is not yet known. The prospect of such a test presented uself when Mr Clinton provided DNA that was used to prove that it was his se-

men on Monica Lewinsky's dress. It was unclear last night whether The Star had obtained a sample of Mr Clinton's DNA or was intending to compare the Williams sample with the detailed genetic information about Mr Clinton con-

tained in the report from Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel. Mr Drudge reported that such records were 99 per cent accurate. Ms Williams has claimed that

Mr Clinton paid her for sex on several occasions when he was Governor of Arkansas and she was a prostitute in Little Rock. She passed a lie detector test and has been co-operating with Richard Gooding, the reporter responsible for breaking the story that Dick Morris, Mr Clin

ton's former adviser, consorted with prostitutes. The White House declined to comment last night on

The emergence of another wom-an in the President's life came as senators argued over how to try him on charges arising from his affair with Ms Lewinsky. With it looking almost certain, barring new developments, that the required two thirds of the 100-member Senate will not remove Mr Clinton from office by voting to convict him on the two articles of impeachment, the disagreement among senators is over how quickly to rid themselves

of the case. Trent Lott, the Republican Senate majority leader, has proposed that the trial should be opened, probably next Monday, and that the prosecutors from the House of Representatives and the White House defence team should be allowed a day each to argue their cases, for and against conviction. The Senate would then have a day to ask questions before voting on whether its members believe that the facts of the case, if true, warrant the President's removal from office. If anything less than two thirds of senators are of that view, it is likethat a full trial with witnesses and explicit evidence would be abandoned and that Mr Clinton would receive a firm rebuke in the

STEPHEN DAME

form of a censure motion.

Cityi Markets give a boost to the euro

By Alasdair Murray and James Landale

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in Sydney, the first major cur-in Sydney, the first major cur-rency market to reopen follow-ing the new year break, with the euro immediately making modest gains from last week's official conversion price. Japanese traders, who were at their also reported the curo gaining against the yen.

For most of the 300 million people covered by the single currency, however, the euro's birth offered no drama as they recovered from new year festivities with little to show for the leap to currency union.

From Dublin to Rome, enro pioneers enjoyed the novelty of writing cheques and using euro credit cards in restaurants and supermarkets, but the practice remains optional until euro notes and coins appear in January 2002. The first curo-denominates postage stamps and bank statements

also appeared. The markets are expecting the euro to strengthen in the coming weeks as investors and Central Banks shift an estimated thousand billion dollars out of other currencies such as the dollar and sterling

and into the euro. Trading, however, is likely to be cautious in the first few days with many banks wor-ried that systems problems and human error could cause

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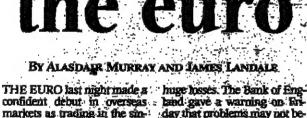
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The pull of the property of the ors will sell the pound for the euro - bringing relief to hardpressed exporters - or will continue to view the pound as

an attractive "sale haven".
Sydney traders quoted an opening price of \$1,747 compared with the European Commission's conversion price of \$1,1685. The euro also gained against the pound, climbing from 70.54p to 70.80p. European Union leaders,

most of them new from left-wing governments, are wor-ried that too fast an apprecia-tion in the value of the earo. while reassuring the markets. could undermine their job creation efforts.

Anti-euro campaigners, meanwhile stepped up fileir campaign against British membership of the single currency. Lord Owen, the former Labour Foreign Secretary, un-veiled the launch of a group of leading pro-Europeans op-posed to the euro.

Members, who include Lord Prior, the former Tory Cabinet minister, and Martin Taylor. the former Barciays chief executive, are currently drawing up a paper outlining their economic and political opposition to the curo. to the curo.

Bankers flirt, page 5





bout 500 wellwishers were on hand when the Queen led members of the Royal Family out of Sandringham Church yesterday, but the spectator to really catch the party's attention was Bryan Firth — thanks to his grizzly bear cout (writes Michael Harvey). In her 98 years, the Queen Mother had nev-

seen anything quite like it. The greatcoat, made from a bear pelt, was keeping off the sain as Mr Firth, 73, waited with a friend. He

A Mounties' coat catches royal eye

was spotted first by Prince Philip who com-mented: "What a wonderful coat". The Prince drew it to the attention of the Queen Mother, who spoke to Mr Firth, right. Equally taken

by the shaggy coat — worn by the Royal Cana-dian Mounted Police and about 80 years old — she called to the others, including Prince Charles and Prince Harry, to have a look. Mr Firth, a former racing commentator, of

Great Bircham, near King's Lynn, said that the coat "was standard issue to the Mounties in the 20s and 30s. It is excellent if the weather is cold and wet like it is today. The rain just



Switch from grammars 'will cost £500m'

BY JAMES LANDALE AND JOHN O'LEARY

Tories of "scaremongering".

those keen to scrap selection.

Twenty per cent of eligible par-

ents must sign a petition by July before a ballot - requiring

a simple majority - can take

place in the autumn. The Gov-

ernment has refused to offer

any extra money to pay for the cost of reorganisation.

The paper, drawn up in De-

cember by Kent education offi-

cials, gives warning of the "substantial costs" of chang-

ing their 33 grammar schools

to comprehensives. The costs

will be high because many

grammar schools are too

small to become comprehen-

sive and would be forced to

EDUCATION could be forced to take more than half a billion pounds out of frontline teaching budgets to pay for transforming grammar schools into comprehen-

The substantial costs of reorganising schools if parents vote to make them comprehensive are disclosed in internal council documents obtained by The Times. Education officials at Kent County Council, which runs a

fifth of the remaining grammar schools, have estimated that turning them into compre-hensives would cost £150 milhon. The Tories last night. claimed that if the costs were mirrored across the country. local education authorities would have to find £500 million to pay for the move.

They said the hidden costs, which could lead to cuts in teachers' pay, books and equipment, were an "unexploded timebomb" underneath the Government's decision last year to give parents the choice

end selection in their amalgamate. This would involve many schools having to schools. Labour accused the close down, sell their proper-The controversy set the ties, and move to new locastage for a series of battles tions big enough to take in puacross the country between campaigners struggling to pre-serve grammar schools and pils from several former gram-

mar schools. Costs would also be incurred by resulting changes in Under last year's Schools Standards and Framework Act, parents have the right to change the status of Britain's 164 fully selective schools. transport arrangements, such as increased and reorganised school bus runs, and by redundancy payments to sacked

Damian Green, a Tory education spokesman, said: "Those costs will come from the reorganisation that will be required because a significant proportion of grammar schools are too small simply to become comprehensives. Ofsted has recommended that to be a successful comprehensive, you need at least 900 pupils." Labour councillors on Kent education authority have demanded that the estimate be withdrawn from the report.

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Safety signal for Charlie Whelan

The future of Gordon Brown's press aide Charlie Whelan looked more secure after Downing Street backed away from demanding his dismissal over his alleged in-volvement in Peter Mandel-

son's downfall. Downing Street made clear that Mr Whelan's future was entirely in the hands of Mr

Sharif escapes bridge bombers

Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, narrowly escaped assassination yesterday. A bomb exploded under a bridge outside the Punjabi capital of Lahore shortly before Mr Sharif and his family

crossed it. Members of the Muttahida Ohami movement, whose supporters are Urdu-speaking, ... Page 13 were arrested

United Cup win

Manchester United came from behind to beat Middlesbrough 3-1 in the Third Round of the FA Cup yesterday. They will meet Liverpool in the next round Page25

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Two die as 75mph winds batter the South

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

TWO people died yesterday and 25 weekend sailors were rescued from the sea as heavy rain, high seas and 75mph winds battered southern England, felling trees and power lines and tearing boars from their moorings.

Scattered showers and sunny breaks are forecast today in the South.

His grandson, Robert Thomson, H. escaped injury by running to safety. In Somerset a 51-year-old man was killed as he walked along the canal towpath in Bridgwater. It is thought he was hit by parts of a tin roof.

death when an oak tree fell on him in

his garden at Bolney, in West Sussex.

Twenty five people were plucked from the sea by lifeboats off the Essex but prolonged rain and gale-flow: coast. The annual three-quarter-mile winds are expected in northern Eng. Brass Monkeys dingly race, by the land and Scotland.

Robert Bridger, 70, was crushed to dened within 15 minutes after winds

overturned nearly all 14 starters. A woman out walking with friends at Brown Candover, near New Alresford in Hampshire, suffered serious head injuries when she was knocked unconscious by a falling tree.
Brighton's Palace Pier was evacuat-

ed as heavy seas threatened the safety of visitors, and in Selsey, West Sussex, a caravan park was flooded. In Exe-ter, Devon, Athalie Collins, 31, had a narrow escape when a tree crushed ber car seconds after she had got out. Thames and Dover Coastguard sta-

tions received many emergency calls as winds gusting up to 60 knots over-turned dozens of small boats, pitching their occupants into the sea.

At Aldeburgh, Suffolk, an RAF res-

cue helicopter picked up a windsurfer being carried out to sea. In Herne Bay the Whitstable lifeboat, which had been called out to assist small angling boats in distress, capsized at the har-bour entrance. The crew managed to get ashore unaided.

Weather forecast, page 24

Riddle over Mandelson agent case

POLICE investigating the sudden collapse of a fraud case against Pe-ter Mandelson's former election agent have been told that some people seemed to know several days in advance that it was going to be

dropped.

The case against Bernard Carr, the MP's 1992 election agent, who was accused of fiddling council expenses, attracted attention because Mr Mandelson was likely to be called as a character witness. The withdrawal of charges by the Crown Prosecution Service minutes before the trial was due to start at Teesside Crown Court in February 1998 astonCouncillor says it was known that trial would be dropped, reports Dominic Kennedy

ished the police. Not everybody was so surprised.

At a conference in Scarborough the previous weekend, a Hartlepool Labour councillor was told that Mr Mandelson would not be travelling North for the trial because it was be-

ig dropped. Stan Kaiser, a Conservative councillor in the town, who says that he was told this by the Labour councillor, has written to Cleveland police asking for an investigation. The Assistant Chief Constable, Richard

Brunstrom, said yesterday: "Police inquiries arising from the collapse of the trial in February 1998 have not been completed. It is a complicated situation which merits careful and measured consideration and we will not rush to a conclusion."

Mr Kaiser has declined to name publicly the Labour source. Six Hartlepool Labour councillors attended the Scarborough conference. He said: "If they were, in fact, told that the case was due to be cancelled. then that of course is a serious

breach of the law. That is a jailable offence somewhere along the line." It was the second time in months that a criminal case against Mr Carr had been dropped. He was arrested in a public lavatory and charged with gross indecency with an 18-year-old man. Mr Carr was bailed to appear before Hartlepool magistrates but in December 1997

the CPS asked the bench to discontinue the case. On the morning that Mr Carr's fraud trial was due to begin, the

prosecutors arrived expecting to pro-ceed with a case which had cost an estimated £100,000 to investigate.

When new issues were raised by the defence, the prosecuting barrister again interviewed two witnesses, Bryan Hanson, then council leader, and John Walton, the chief finance officer. The prosecution decided to offer no evidence and Mr Carr was cleared of obtaining £666 by decep-tion from the council and trying to

obtain a further £65. Ray Waller, Hartlepool council's

new Labour leader, wrote to the prosecutors asking why the case was suddenly dropped. The CPS replied that the two witnesses inter-viewed on the morning of the trial had produced evidence which under-

mined the case. Both men have denied changing their evidence. In council circles, it is understood that they were asked whether councillors could claim expenses without the approval of the committee and confirmed that this was possible.

Mr Mandelson was reported to have queried police competence in preparing the case.

Article proposes Scottish germ weapons

By JASON ALLARDYCE SCOTTISH POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Scottish National Par ty last night distanced itself from one of its senior spoles men after he appeared to suggest developing chemi-cal and germ warrane capability in an independent Scotland.

Crawford, the party's deputy defence spokesman, refused to tell the party whether he wrote a pamphlet claiming the SNP should consider such lethal weapons. The comments in the pamphlet. published last year under a pseudonym, have caused embarassment and anger in nationalist ranks as they prepare their campaign for the Scottish parliament elections in May.

Mr Crawford, who is a Scottish parliament candidate for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, was only named deputy defence spokesman by the SNP leader Alex Sal-

mond 12 days ago. The Deputy Scottish Secretary, Helen Liddell, said Mr Salmond should waste no time in getting rid of Mr Crawford, who was a tank squadron commander durng Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf during 1991. The Defence Secretary George Robertson, added: "Leaving this man in post would be to officially endorse an utterly naive and profoundly dan-

gerous policy position.

The pamphiet on options for an independent Scoutsh Defence Force, was published under the name lack Hawthorn for the Glasgow University Centre for War Studies, where Mr Crawford recently studied.

The author, who claimed to have been privy to recent internal SNP debate, stated: Ballistic missiles have a utility which the SNP should at least consider. They can carry a wide variety of war-heads, including chemical and biological payloads, which can be seen as cheap alternatives to nuclear ones

for deterrent purposes."
In a statement issued by the SNP on Mr Crawford's behalf, he said he had never advocated the possession of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

"Academic analysis of defence options is one thing clear, practical and costed policies as presented now by the SNP are much more important and much more rele-



Crawford: refused to

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Blair will not have Whelan sacked

By JAMES LANDALE

THE future of the Chancelarrived home he looked relor's press aide, Charlie Wheian, looked more secure last night after Downing Street backed away from demanding his dismissal over his alleged involvement in Peter Mandelson's downfall. In a sign that the Prime Min-

ister wants to avoid a fresh confrontation with Gordin Brown and defuse damaging publici-ty about splits in the Cabinet, Downing Street made clear that Mr Whelan's future was in the hands of Mr Brown.

Mr Whelan returned home to Peckham, southeast London, last night, after spending Christmas and the new year in hiding in Scotland, and is expected to return to his desk at

the Treasury this morning.

He was accused of leaking details of a £373,000 home loan which Mr Mandelson, the former Trade and Industry Secretary, secured from Geoffrey Robinson, the former Paymaster General. Mr Whelan denied the charge. Both ministers subsequently resigned. The Prime Minister has come under pressure from ministers and officials to order Mr Brown to remove Mr Whelan. Last night as the press aide

laxed and willingly posed for photographs but was not answering questions from jour-nalists. He said: "I have been on a long holiday. Give me a ring in the morning and I will answer all your questions then." Asked whether he was going to resign he said: "You

will know in the morning."

Tony Blair is understood to be keen to avoid a trial of strength with the Chancellor over the issue and will leave any decision to Mr Brown. A Downing Street spokes-

man said yesterday: "Mr Whe-

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lan's future is a matter for the Chancellor as it always has been." A Treasury spokesman said: "Mr Brown's aides made clear last week that they continued to have full confidence in Charlie Whelan and that continues to be the case."

The move was seen in Westminister as fresh evidence of the growing strength of the partnership between Mr Brown and John Prescott. The Deputy Prime Minister, who last week spoke of his "excellent" relations with the Chancellor, is understood to be opposed to sacking Mr Whelan.

The Chancellor's aide yesterday won the public and unlikely backing of Margaret Beckett, the Leader of the House of Commons, Mrs Beckett, who preceded Mr Mandelson as Trade and Industry Secretary, has not been seen as a natural ally of Mr Whelan's ever since her failure to secure a more generous national minimum wage from Mr Brown was

videly leaked last summer. But yesterday she told BBC Radio 5 Live: "I never subscribe to demanding anybody's head on a platter, particularly not when they are good



Ramblers climb a gate on Ravenstone Road yesterday in protest at what they say is the closure of a right of way

Ramblers protest over closed path

RAMBLERS staged a protest walk yesterday along a path they say is being threatened by the quango that advises the Government on access to the countryside (Michael Hornsby writes).

The band of 30 walkers climbed over a gate blocking the mile-long stretch of path which they maintain is clearly shown as a public right of way on maps dating from 1770, but which local land-

owners say has not been used for decades. They are worried by plans by the Countryside Commission to set a cut-off date af-ter which claims to reinstate paths based on historical evidence of their use would no longer be considered.

Kate Ashbrook, a former chairman of the Ramblers' Association, said: "This path, known for centuries as the Ravenstone Road, used to link the villages of

Ravenstone in Buckinghamshire, and Horton, in Northamptonshire. We have evidence that it was used by people going between the villages, and nearly 12 years ago we submitted a claim to Buckinghamshire County Council for the path to be recognised and marked on the definitive map. If the Countryside Commission's plan was in operation, the would have no

Prescott tipped to be Dome supremo

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE campaign by John Pres-cott to re-establish his position in Government took a step forward yesterday after it emerged that he is poised to replace Peter Mandelson as the Millennium Dome supremo.

The Deputy Prime Minister is a leading contender to become "Dome Secretary" and take on the high-profile role of spearheading the millennium

celebrations.
The development comes only days after Mr Prescott unveiled a new alliance with Gordon Brown to call for a return to traditional Labour values of market interventionism.

The move, in an interview last week, was seen as an at-tempt by Mr Prescott to take advantage of Tony Blair's absence on holiday and the vacuum left by Mr Mandelson's resignation to reassert his authority within Government. Mr Prescott has always

been a keen supporter of the Dome and was a key figure in persuading the Prime Minis-ter to back the project in 1997 when some Cabinet ministers wanted it scrapped.

day said the reports were "pure speculation", but they did not deny the claims. They added that Mr Prescott had enough on his plate as Secretary of State for the Environ-

But one option circulating at Westminster is for Mr Prescott to split the job with Lord Falconer of Thoroton, the Cabinet Office Minister.

League tables to show police soft on speeding

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND STEWART TENDLER

POLICE forces that too often fail to stop and fine speeding motorists will be exposed in proposed new league tables.
Ministers planning to cut the number of road deaths are alarmed by huge differences in the way that forces tackle

motoring offences.

Speeding is the cause of about 1,200 road deaths out of the annual toll of 3,599. Government figures suggest that a third of police forces has seen in a rise in the number of road

casualties since 1990. Ministers want to cut the road-death toll by at least 40 per cent by 2010, and plan to shame the worst areas of the country into taking tougher action. While forces such as Lancashire and Essex have taken a tough line on speeding, some metropolitan forces are ac-

cused of turning a blind eye. Police and local authorities will be forced to present detailed proposals to reduce the casualty rate and show the effectiveness of their work by detailing prosecution rates and accident levels. Details of casualty reductions, successful prosecutions and the amount spent on traffic policing will be

publicly available, allowing tables of the best and worst performers to be drawn up. Ministers are reluctant to draw direct comparisons between forces on accident rates or prosecutions, because of wide variations in population and types of roads. However, advisers have told ministers

lice force can indicate the success of policing policy. Those could be compared nationally. Tighter rules on traffic policing come in the wake of a critical report by Colin Smith, the Inspector of Constabulary, in which some police forces were

accused of failing to do

enough. The report said that

that year-to-year accident and

prosecution trends within a po-

inconsistencies between forces "could discredit the criminal justice system". Mr-Smith complained that in one force, traffic courts were

closing down due to a lack of prosecutions, although officers had stopped sufficient offenders. Another force that installed speed cameras had overburdened the local court, and police using radar equipment were "unable to prosecute more blatant offenders".

In large areas of England, casualty rates are rising, yet in Scotland and Wales, which have had bigger increases in car ownership than most English regions, accident rates have fallen. Casualties in Scotland were down by 17 per cent. Cheshire has suffered the

biggest increase, 24,3 per cent, between 1990 and 1997. Norfolk and the Grampian region led the way in improving records, cutting the number of injuries by 26 per cent.



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Union chief may face picket line

BY ROLAND WATSON

JOHN EDMONDS, leader of the GMB union, faces the prospect of a strike among his own staff after firing an official who was trying to instigate an in-quiry into the union's pension fund.

A simmering row at the GMB's offices is likely to present Mr Edmonds with the prospect of having to cross a picket line if he wants to reach his office.

The dispute arose after Mr Edmonds sacked the union's head of communications. Tom Condon, earlier this month.

Mr Condon, a former political and industrial journalist, was pressing for an internal investigation into why £25 million was taken from the GMB's pension fund

in the early 1990s.

Although the money has since been returned, officials believe it may have left about 1,400 pensioners receiving less in retirement than they could have done had the first have been left verticabled. had the fund been left untouched.

The money was used as part of a bridging loan to the union after a property deal went disastrously wrong. Although Mr Edmonds said the deal, involving a move of headquarters, would be self-financing.

it left the union, which has 700,000 mem-bers. £6 million out of pocket.

The dispute has left many GMB officials uneasy, and could lead to an external inquiry into the finances of Britain's fourth biggest union. It is understood that both the Law Society and the Occupational Pension Regulatory Authority are aware of the details and are preparing to launch separate investigations.

Members of the six-strong chapel of the National Union of Journalists at the GMB's offices in Wimbledon are to vote this month on whether to take industrial action over Mr Condon's dismisal.



'It is a miserable place to die, I am sorry'

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The ticket that would have taken Peter Rowe home

But I had no choice, says Yemeni colonel as he takes Daniel McGrory to scene of tourists' bloody deaths

A RETURN rail ticket from the few spent bullet cases in Gatwick, trodden into the dust of a barren plateau, left a poignant reminder yesterday of the holidaymakers whose trip to Yemen ended in deadly confrontation.

Article Propose Scottish germ

A bloodsoaked handkerchief beneath a small mound of black rocks provided more grim evidence that four of the tourists would not be returning to their loved ones.

Yemeni army officers yesterday took The Times to the bleak volcanic crater where they fought a gunbattle with the Islamic kidnappers who held the 16 Western holiday-

The colonel who led the much-criticised rescue mission shook his head and said: This is a miserable place to die and I am sorry for the inno-cent blood, but I had no other

Gazing around where the travellers were forced to stand. their hands raised, as human shields, it is obvious there was nowhere for them to hide when the gunfight began.

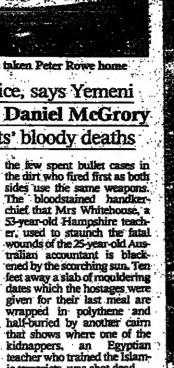
Colonel Mohammed Salah Ali pointed with his Kalishnikov rifle to the pile of rocks be . built beside a desert track where the first hostage, Margaret Whitehouse, was killed trying to help Andrew Thirsk, who was also to die in the cha-

otic shooting.

The only shelter, 30 metres away, was a low ridge of boulders which the kidnappers cowered behind as they forced these two to stand for half an hour with three pities frightened hostages in full view of the approaching Soldiers. On this payched stretch of onen ground the helpless victims could be seen from more than two kilometres away.

Picking your way between the jagged rocks, what is puzzling is how more hostages were not killed in the crossire. Even more curious is how up to 13 kidnappers escaped across such exposed land.

Colonel Ali does not answer that, preferring to stick to the official Yemeni account that his men did not attack until the kidnappers began execut-ing their hostages. This is at odds with the survivors' recoilections. They say that Mr Thirsk, the first to be hit, was caught in an exchange of auto-



ic terrorists, was shot dead.

The colonel moves half a mile across the Al-Ghanfar plateau to where his armed escort tramps over the rail ticket that Peter Rowe would have used to get home to Durham today. A patch of dried blood from where the 60-year-old university lecturer received. multiple gunshot wounds is matted with sand.

His widow, Claire Marston, 43, who was wounded, was yesierday well enough to fly home with the American hostage, Margaret Thomson. Flanked by soldiers as she left.



Ms Marston, whose right arm was encased in plaster and who had her left hand bandd, was still too distressed to talk about her escape from the plateau near the town of Mudi-

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Ms Marston would be transferred to hospital on arriving in London. It was not known whether Ms Thompson would remain in Briton. The only other evidence that

clearing which the kidnappers used as makeshift camp are a handful of spent bullets discarded beside a box of Chanel aftershave, a broken whisky bottle and a half-caten loaf of bread in a yellow carrier bag. A black trail of dried blood

shows where the youngest of the tourists, Ruth Williamson. was executed by an Al-Jihad gummen as she tried to balance on a 2ft-high sand bar from where she too must have been clearly visible to her res-Colonel Ali refuses to say

why he did not order his men to stop firing when he saw the lo terrified tourists trapped on open ground. Instead, he walks back towards the two 18in high black stone oairns where the kidnap leader. Abu Hassan, was arrested. "Hassan told me he was only sorry that he did not have a chance colonel said.

To reach Al Ghanfar plateau yesterday, Colonel Ali, who is deputy chief of police for Abyan province, provided an armed escort of 25 men, including eight in a truck that had a Russian anti-aircraft gun bolted on the back. On the desert highway his high-speed convoy, escorted by police cars with sirens wailing, passed groups of tourists who were still driving the starkly picturesque route without any securi-

The tourist convoys did not notice the dirt track leading six miles to the crater where the four hostages died 24 hours af-

Yard seeks to question terrorist

Mystery over the kidnap leader whose gang had no hiding place

SCOTLAND YARD and the ten-strong FBI team in Yemen are seeking to interview the kidnap leader, Abu Hassan, about his links with other terrorist groups in the region.

The bearded Hassan, who the authorities say is 28 but who looks much older, is now manacled in prison in Zinjubar, 115 miles from the scene of the shooting. The authorities would prefer Hassan convict-ed and executed by the end of this week. although western investigators have told the Yemeni government that they need to discover if his Al-Jihad group are funded and trained by the Saudi billionaire, Osama bin Laden.

Hassan is known to have fought with the Mujahidin against the Russians in Af-ghanistan, where bin Laden has his base, and where the Saudi master-terrorist

planned the bomb attacks on two US embassies in East Africa last year. Local trackers who know this Al-Ghanfa plain point to how Hassan clearly had little idea how to hide or protect his hostages while he was bartering for the release of Al-Jihad comrades arrested in Yemen before Christmas.

From the start of this kidnap, Hassan and at least 18 other gunmen were clearly seen by tribesman and local traders as they drove their bostages in a convoy of stolen vehicles to a partially shaded desert clearing used by camel and goat herders. Locals traders who sold them bottled water and freshly baked bread on the day of the kidnap say that they know most of the gang, including Saad Mu-hammad Ali Atif and Ahmed Muhammad Ali Atif. two brothers arrested with

three kidnappers who were killed. Hathemi Aishal, a tribal leader who

was used as go-between with the Al-Jihad group, points to the empty biscuit packets and soft drinks he brought for the hostages two hours before the shoot-out. The elderly negotiator said: "Hassan only wanted six of his people freed from prison. He made no threats to the hostages but they would not let me see them. They told me that if I came back. I would be killed."

He knew one of the terrorists who was shot, Ali Al Khadar el Haj, 25, worked as a taxi driver in the nearest village, Kokab. 14. miles away. "Hassan was not some big terrorist. Where did he expect to hide?" he asked, pointing to how the army had surrounded the entire area within hours of the kidnap.

Claire Marston leaving hospital in Yemen yesterday for the flight home to Britain. She was flanked by armed guards it is impossible to tell from Ernie Wise | £2m book deal

By MICHAEL HARVEY

THE comedian Emie Wise was recovering in an American hospital last night after suffering two heart attacks in

The 73-year-old star, one half of the legendary duo Morecambe and Wise spent three weeks in intensive care. But he is now well enough to be moved to a private room. He fell ill at his winter holiday home in Florida just days after celebrating his birthday

on November 27. His wife Doreen, 68, said: "I didn't think he was going to make Christmas but, bless him, he did. He's extremely weak, in what you'd describe as a fragile condition, but he's holding his own — the doctors

say he's stable." The entertainer's health has been a concern for some time. He has suffered a series of strokes over the last five years which have left him in extreme ly frail health.

The funnyman with the fa-mously short, fat, heavy legs was on the receiving end of the comic genius of Eric More combe, who died of a heart attack in 1984, for four decades. Their Christmas specials became television classics and Their 1977 show attracted 27.5 million viewers, the biggest audience for a programme shown on a single channel. In



Ernie Wise: already frail due to a series of strokes

a recent BBC poll, Morecambe and Wise were voted the furniest British comedians of all time and at the height of their fame they were both awarded the OBE.

Mrs Wise said Ernie had complained of breathlessness and feeling unwell when they returned to their Florids apartment from their annual Carib-

Minor heart failure was followed by a second more serious heart attack and he was admitted to intensive care on De-cember 11. Mrs Wise, who has been at her husband's bedside every day, said: The doctors seem quite happy, it's up to him now. He's able to chat but is feeling a little bit low at the moment, but we're trying to

'stable' after puts Hornby heart attacks top of league

NICK HORNBY, author of who died in 1997. He said: "I the football fan's memoir Fe-ver Pitch, is switching publish-ers in a transfer worth nearly lished by Gollancz even £2 million. The two-novel deal for Penguin puts the 41-year-old former teacher at the 10p of the superleague of British literary authors.

Penguin won against competition from Fourth Estate. Random House and Macmillan Picador. The first new novcl. yet to be written, is to be published next year. Homby has become a phe-

nomenon, with three international bestsellers from his first three books, Fever Pitch, High Fidelity and About a Boy. Fever Pitch was turned into a film starring Colin Firth and last year he sold the film rights for About a Boy for £18 million. High Fidelity is heing adapted by Disney's
Touchstone Films

Penguin is confident that the £2 million will be money well spent. Helen Fraser, managing director, said: "Advances are related to what people's books actually sell. We are very pleased at this deal." Hornby is leaving Gollancz just as it is being taken over by the Orion Group, which owns Weidenfeld & Nicolson.

He had a particularly strong

Gollancz editor, Liz Knights.

working relationship with his

Archer is said to have secured a £14 million advance for three books. Penguin has also secured another bestselling writer. Sue Townsend, who joins after 17 years with Methuen. Her new book in the Adrian Mole series, The Cappuccino Years, sees her hero now aged

30 and three quarters.

wanted About a Boy to be published by Gollancz even though she was no longer

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The deal is thought to be the



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RUC net closes in on Omagh killers

The bombers' names are known. Now police seek the final pieces of evidence, reports Martin Fletcher

POLICE have identified half a dozen of those responsible for the Omagh bomb, the head of the RUC investigation has told

At least one comes from the vicinity of the town, Detective Chief Superintendent Eric Anderson said. The rest come from the border counties of Armagh, Monaghan and Louth, where the Real IRA, the break-

away terrorist group, is based. "We have a fair idea who did it. We probably know about half a dozen who were involved," Mr Anderson said. We are trying to work out their actual roles.

The problem is producing a case that convicts them. It's one thing to know who did it, and another to produce evidence to put them away."

Mr Anderson, a large and genial family man of 52, knows that problem better

in the RUC he has investigate ed some 300 murders, terrorist and otherwise. His first big case was the 1978 Warrenpoint massacre, when the IRA killed 18 soldiers with two bombs detonated from across Carlingford Lough in the Irish Republic. He spent 18 months investigating and readily identifies the two bombmakers.

One was Brendan Burns. who later blew himself up while building a bomb in Crossmaglen. The other's name cannot be published be-

cause he is still free. "I know ten people who were directly involved in it," Mr Anderson said. He was unable to bring any to court, not least because the Irish police were much less co-operative in those days.

By contrast, it took him barely a week to arrest four loyalist gummen who burst into the



Optimistic: Det Chief Supt Eric Anderson

Greysteel on Halloweren in 1993, killing seven customers. Mr Anderson's team was able to recover everything involved, from the weapons to the B&Q till roll recording the gunmen's purchase of gloves and balaclavas, enabling a wa-

tertight prosecution.

The case of which he is proudest concerned the 1979 Dummurry train bomb, when three men died after it exploded prematurely. By conductway carriage, forensic scien-tists proved that a passenger claiming £500,000 compensation was one of the bombers. But terrorists seldom break

conclusive scientific evidence is rare and nearly 2,000 of the 3,200 killings of the Troubles remain unresolved. Terrorists are trained in

anti-interrogation techniques, said Mr Anderson. They are "forensically-aware", washing their clothes, taking showers and burning cars to destroy evidence. Witnesses are intimidated. Few people in the paramilitaries' immediate communities readily help the police.
In the Omagh investigation,

Mr Andersomappears close to breakthrough. Last month he held a press conference to appeal to republicans in partic-ular for "bits and pieces to fill in the missing gaps". That and ITV's Most Wanted programme a week later were "very helpful indeed". He is optimistic but cautions

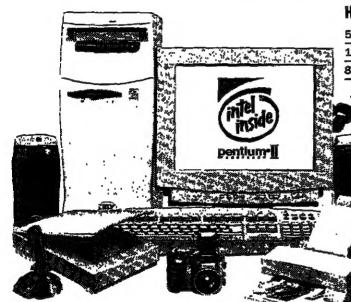
that "it's a long, protracted process involving many avenues of investigation, and



Anna Kennedy and her sons Angelo and Patrick outside the school that Hillingdon Council has leased to her charity

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Parents set up school for autistic sons

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR:

children, one of whom has been turned away from 26 schools, will receive the keys to a disused school tomorrow to establish the first centre of its type for pupils with special educational needs. Anna and Sean Kennedy

have remortgaged their home in Hillingdon, northwest London, and raised a loan of £500,000 to set up a school catering for 63-children. A fellow campaigner, Alex Honeysett, whose 33-year-old son spent ten years in mental institu-tions after psychologists failed to diagnose autism, is giving up his job to manage the

project. Hillingdon Council agreed to lease the primary school to a charity founded by the Kennedys after being unable to provide full-time education ough Eight-year-old Patrick Kennedy and his brother Angeio, five, receive only five hours

of home tuition a week.

Mrs Kennedy said: "Chil-dren who are only mildly autistic can manage in mainstream schools and severe cases are given residential treatment, but those in the middle are often left with nothing. The last school we approached had 55 applications for five places and we lost out because priority was given to children living nearby. Some are travelling three hours a day to get an education." Patrick was diag-

THE parents of two autistic nosed as suffering from Asperger's syndrome at the age of four, but the family was not nonfied. Mrs. Kennedy said: "We endured three years of kicking and screaming every morning because he could not with

Both brothers will attend the new school, which will open in September if a suitable head teacher can be recruited in time. There will be 14 places initially, building up to the full compliment of 63 after three years.

The project is being backed by the National Autistic Society, and a local charity has offered classroom furniture and practical help to bring down the estimated £627,000 refurbishment costs.

Mrs Kennedy said: "We have received fantastic suplot of hard work ahead of us. There is only one school in the country like the one we are planning and that does not cater for young children, so there certainly will be a demand for

Local authorities will pay £27,000 a year to send children to the new school. But with residential places often costing more than £100,000. there should still be savings to

The charity, HACS, is operating from the Kennedy's home at 22 Cherry Grove, Hillingdon, UB8 3ET.

Poet denies spy role for RAF in Vietnam war

PAM AYRES yesterday chal-lenged claims that she had lived a secret life as a spy, saying that her postwar role in the RAF had been a minor one. Reports of Ms Ayres's mili-

tary exploits appeared in The Sunday Telegraph, which re-cently rebuffed claims that its editor, Dominic Lawson, had. worked as a spy. Ms Ayres, one of Britain's best-loved poets, hit back at claims that she worked at in-

telligence bases in Britain and the Far East during several military conflicts, including the Vietnam war. Ms Ayres said that she had enlisted with the RAF in 1965 from a desire to travel. She

said in a statement yesterday. "I am astounded by this re-port. When I spoke to their reporter I was conscious of the requirement of the Official Se-crets Act and gave the briefest of interviews. I plotted aeriel photography — a job that requires six weeks' initial training — nothing more than that.

"I was not involved in the Vietnam war. The report attaches importance to my role that it simply did not have and it's absurd to suggest oth-The report follows disclo-

sures last November that the novelist and feminist Fay Wel-



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don had worked for a secret unit linked to MI6 during the 1950s. Ms Ayres spent four years with the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre. She was stationed at RAF 5 Brampton in Cambridgeshire until 1967, when she transferred to the Singapore.

An MOD spokesman yesterday said that Ms Ayres's role would have involved analysing photographs taken by RAF reconnaissance aircraft to ascertain enemy capabilities. The spokesman added:
"It depends what you would call a spy. It's a term that's applied loosely to a lot of things. Obviously there is a security process that you have to go through in order to be suita-

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Pupils given anti-meningitis pills

'Kissing bug' claims lives of two childrenfrom the same school, Michael Hornsby writes

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EVERY pupil at a school where two teenagers died of meningitis after attending a Christmas party were called in yesterday to receive antibiotics to prevent the disease spread-

All 1.750 children at Wath Comprehensive near Rother-ham in South Yorkshire, Wil-liam Hague's old school, were given the antibiotics in tablet

The precaution was taken after the deaths on New Year's Eve of 14-year-old Claire Wilkinson and 15-year-old boy Adam Rawson, both pupils at the school. The children will receive injections today. A hel-pline for worried parents has been set up by the local health

authority.

The two teenagers who died,
Claire Wilkinson and Adam
Rawson, were triends and it is thought the pair may have passed the illness to one another after kissing at a Christmas party. the school itself is not thought to have been the source of the outbreak.

The tragedy was made worse because Claire had to be



Pupils wait outside Wath comprehensive school yesterday to be given antibiotic pills after two classmates - Claire Wilkinson and Adam Rawson, below - died of meningitis

South Yorkshire because there were no beds available in intensive care units.

She was eventually taken to hospital in Nottingham, 40 miles away, after a seven-hour wait at the Rotherham General Hospital. Claire's mother, Carole Wilkinson, said: "I am absolutely devastated. I cannot believe that in a civilised country there were no beds available for a seriously ill

move Claire, a hospital spokes man said: She was taken to Rotherham General, but during her treatment the decision will have been made that the patient needed specialist paediatric intensive care unit facilities. Not everyone suffrering from meningitis would need that sort of treatment. "What happened then was

that Sheffield was approached and that was found to be full. Nottingham was then ap-proached and they did have a bed available."

A spokesman for the National Meningitis Trust warned that at this time of year the disease is at its most prevalent because of increased social interaction. Last year there 2,600 cases of the disease, resulting

We do see a big increase in cases during November and

teraction at Christmas, it is after all how people build up re-sistance to illnesses. tant that people are aware of

the symptoms and seek medical attention immediately. Teenagers are particularly People are more at risk at have increased social contact, but I would stress that it is a this time of year because they tend to be in closer contact with others. One in ten of us difficult bacterium to pass on carries the bacteria which and it is rare that more than cause the illness, but it is imone pupil at a school would get portant to remember that men-

Health official have set up ngitis is still a very difficult the following helplines for par-ents: 0345 53818, 0145 4413344 We certainly don't want to suggest people avoid social in-



Children's centre takes more inmates

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

RESTRICTIONS on the number of inmates in Britain's first secure institution for children, which saw serious violence last summer, are to be relaxed. From today there will be 30 young offenders at the Medway Secure Training Centre at Rochester, Kent - up from the limit of 25 set by the Home Of-fice in November. That still

leaves it ten below capacity. The Social Services Inspec torate is expected to be severe ly critical of the management in a report to be published shortly. In July, there was rioting at the privately run centre for persistent young offenders aged 13 to 15, three months af-ter it opened. Inmates armed with metal poles and socks filled with snooker balls ransacked parts of the centre. Po-lice in riot gear had to be called. Rebound, the Group 4 subsidiary which runs the centre. said: "We would like to go back up to 40 places, but the Home Office is satisfied that

ic son TV docusoap stars bite back

A GROUP of docusoep stars are accusing television produc-ers of wrecking their lives after experiencing instant fame.

Keith Cooper, who was director of corporate affairs at the Royal Opera House when he featured in The House, claims to have been damaged by the way he was portrayed in the 1996 BBC2 fly-on-the-

wall documentary. He said: The camera got me 180 degrees unterly, abso-bately, totally wrong. My pro-fessional credibility was affected by what people saw on tele-

David Smith, the chef from Hotel, made famous by his swearing at the Adelphi in Liv-

Made In Manchester, believes that his television performance stalled his career. He haid: "It opened a lot of doors out it slammed short a hell of a lot of others."

Mr Howarth claims that he told by the BBC directors that he was going to be portrayed in a bad light for the first two episodes but that he would be redeemed in the third. He

said: "When it came to the third episode there were legal problems, so they shelved it." The disclosures come in a BBC documentary about flyon the wall series, Life After Docu Soap, which will begin

on Sunday at 10.30pm. In spite of criticisms, the docusoap genre has become a fast-track route to success. Through her appearance in Lakesiders, Emma Boundy, 24, has signed a deal with

Before her came Jane Mofrom The Cruise, who per-formed at the Royal Variety Performance this year and has made a chart-topping album. Max Clifford, the PR agent,

erpool, said: "They stitched me made a chart-topping atoum.

In They made a lot of money out of Fawlty Towers, so they particularly the extrovers, thought they'd get a real live version. So they picked us."

Neil Howarth, an aspiring pop star who featured in my documentary."

Trude Mostne, star of Vets in Principles exist. "If want out they want to be a chart-topping atoum.

Man Clifford, the PR agent, want is a side if an sure lots of people, out of Fawlty Towers, and it is extracted in any documentary."

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Trude Mostne, star of Vets in Practice, said: "If you get the wrong producer, they can cut and paste as they like."

Jeremy Spake, from Air-port, the outspoken groundsman with Aeroflot, is happy said: "I did a book, there are always some spin-offs." He is now making a programme about his grandmother, who





David Smith, left, from Hotel, and Keith Cooper, of The House, feel let down by the television producers involved

Secret of Carey's man in the pew

the Archbishop of Canterbury launches a campaign today to make churches more welcoming, based on his son Andrew's experiences in a new parish.

Dr George Carey condenns
"unwelcoming, cold, drab and
dreary" churches in an introdreary" churches in an introduction to the book New Era;
New Church? which describes
the unhappy experiences of
"Andrew and Helen", a
mid-30s couple moving litto a
mew area. It omits to mention
is that Andrew is Dr Carey's
son, a journalist who helped. son, a journalist who helped

to produce the book.

The newcomers first try
their nearest church. They were greeted at the door by an ... New Era, New Church? by Linsmiting steward," says the ... Steve Chalke with Sue Rad-

drew and Helen. No one said a word to them. As they left at the end of the service, the vicar - locked in a conversation with a regular member of the congregation — rather limply shook their hands and thanked them for coming." Their verdict "At least we had

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SERIES of articles in this newspaper has been depict-ing the new continental fault-lines: the tension between the city and the country, between north and south. In most cases the euro has not so much created these divisions as highlighted them, thrown

them into relief. One would expect even Germany's consensus-based political sys-tem — with its in-built aversion to conflict - to register these problems. So far. however, Germany's ruling caste sees the euro only as a form of necessary modernisation and a way of muffling conflict with suspicious neighbours.

There seems to be no political capital to be made out of question-ing the euro. Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, regarded the euro a year ago as "a sickly, premature Roger Boyes says the austere Bundesbank the period between the technical introduction of the euro and the summer of 2002 when it replaces the is now forced to play political games

child and favoured delay rather than a softening of the entry criteria for economic and monetary union (EMU). Now he regards the euro as magnificent opportunity for

Oskar Lafontaine, the Finance Minister, also disliked the Maastricht treaty and managed to straddle the contradictions - rejecting the EMU entry criteria but supporting the euro. Even public opinion has swung the way of the euro, with a narrow majority in favour of it for the first time.

Helmut Kohl's cynical assumption -- that the Germans would not politicians made it seem unavoida-ble — was broadly correct. The euro played little or no role in the decisive phase of the German elections.

erhaps the most damaging long-term aspect of the Maastricht process was this contempt for public opinion. It has sapped the trust of Germans in their political class. The rapid end to Herr Schröder's governing horeymoon is a symptom of this.

The euro may have been neu-tered but it would be wrong to as-sume that it will be out of the political frame in Germany permanently. The danger phase begins now in

mark in daily transactions. That will be the true turning point for Germans and it will come only three months before the next gener-

The euro will be the Christian Democrats' way of distancing them-selves from Herr Kohl. Wolfgang Schäuble, the head of the party, was the co-author four years ago of a strategy paper calling for a "hard-core" Europe. Fast integrators could leave countries like Italy behind. The Italians, and indeed the British, were less than enthusiastic. Now Herr Schäuble — flanked by Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister - can position the party as a defender of strict fiscal discipline within euroland. As the

Bundesbank loses power, so it is destined to become more politi-cised. Rarely in its modern history have so many members of the bank's directorate so openly flirted with the Government.

The Bundesbank was always run by party political nomi-nees but they laid aside their ideological baggage to serve the bank's crusade against inflation. Now the bank is very much part of the political game. On a different level the European Central Bank will also become part of the political fray in Germany. Germans who were assured that the Bank would be driven by inflation-hating robots will soon feel cheated. The bankers are destined to let down the Germans, they cannot deliver jobs, they cannot hide the country's industrial

transfer payments abroad to weak-er members of the European Mone-

tary Union.
The euro thus ushers in the politics of resentment. Herr Schröder or rather his key thinker Bodo Hombach - senses that this will be an emotional period, full of disappointment for those many Germans with pumped-up expectations. And so he intends to craft a new patriotism, a "we feeling" as Herr Hom-bach calls it. A self-aware Germany. proud of its achievements, does not need to look to Europe for miracles. In the breathing space between the virtual curo and the real in-

your-pocket euro. Germany will seek to reposition itself within Europe. It will be a busy time, full of misunderstandings and unsettling for the neighbours.



Sterling effort pays off

A four-day diary of conversion: Nick Donnelly, EMU conversion director for Barclays Capital Thursday, Dec 31, 1998: Ar-rived at work 7am. Spent morning checking plans. Ham: Went to trading floor to see locking rates come. Next two hours spent explaining plans to representative of European finance ministry (unnamed) observing impact on London. 3pm: Returned to Canary Wharf control and comma-

DIARY

through final preparations. More than 250 times milestones, set as monitor of progress, checked round clock by ten staff on shift with hourly reports given to senior executives. 6pm: Computers set to com-

plete end-of-year accounts, ran through the night. Friday, January 1, 1999 Computers began work at about 7am, crunching numpers to be checked by 250 people. Government and corporate bonds, equities and futures translated unto euros. About 17 action plans used for different products. Home to central London flat by 8pm. Saturday, January 2, 1999: 7am back in office. Traders began familiarising themselves with new numbers.

Home 9pm. Sunday, January 3, 1999: In early. More traders in gone by 3pm. Group conference at 7pm. Go home about 9pm. "quietly elated".



kets were expected to get off to a slow start today as traders get to grips with the euro and the new currency begins to make an impact on world

Systems and conversion staff at 600 banks and financial institutions have spent collectively more than 300,000 hours preparing for the big moment. It was the largest operation the City had ever launched.

Barclays Capital yesterday handed out 650 speciallymade "stress balls" to each of its traders to help them through the first nerve-racking days of euro-dealing. They have got small silicone globules inside and you can crunch them in your hand as a stress reliever," said Nick Donnelly. EMU conversion director at Barclays Capital. The balls are printed with support hotline numbers.

Trading in the euro could only begin after an intensive three-day preparation period in which billions of pounds worth of assets were converted

An estimated 30,000 City staff forfeited their New Year break to prepare banks for monetary union. Most banks said they were ready for a smooth first day's trading. A spokesman for NatWest said: 'Tomorrow will be the acid test, but we believe everything will go swimmingly."

Peter Letley, managing director of business operations for HSBC investment bank, said yesterday: "Most people have now finished working and those that are still in are on schedule. We are not anticipating any problems when we begin trading tomorrow."

Once trading has settled to a comfortable hum, staff in the Square Mile, who missed out on New Year's Eve, will do their best to make up for it. "We are planning to have a party themed around the II incountries of monetary union, with national food and drink from each." said a spokesman for Barclays Capital.

"I don't know that we'd



A "stress ball" printed with a monetary union helpline lies on a keyboard at Barclays Capital on the eve of the start of worldwide euro trading

want Finnish wine, but you could have flavoured vodkas from Finland, tapas from Spain, Belgian beer, that sort of thing. We were going to make staff dress in lederho-

would be unfair". Barclays Capital sald work done over the new year would be taken into account in bonus appraisals, while other banks were expected to make lump sum pay-

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staff "would not go unrewarded", while Dresdner Kleinwort Benson confirmed it would be making "special pay-ments to its staff".

We will be having some sort of celebratory party," said

a spokesman for Dresdner. We don't know what the details are yet because we thought it was tempting fate." One insider warned that year's bonoses would

working over the millennium. T think we will have to double whatever we pay them this year when it comes to next year," he said.

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Frankfurt's euro party loses fizz

RARELY has there been a more extravagantly prepared champagne breakfast: 2,000 bankers in Frankfurt worked through the night to ensure a smooth launch for the euro which is to be celebrated today with a flying visit by Yves Thibault de Silguy, the Europe an Commissioner for finance, who will clink glasses with Wim Duisenberg, the Europe-

an Central Bank chief.
This is Frankfurt's most serious attempt to displace London as the financial centre of Europe. The introduction of the euro will. Germans be-lieve, give Prankfurt a signifi-cance far greater than is justfied by the present small trading volumes. Petra Roth, the Mayor of Frankfurt, has been travelling around the world pushing the merits of her city with the slogan: "We may not he large, but we are great."

Certainly Frankfurt has an

Fight by city to outflank London gets little support from Germany's leaders, Roger Boyes reports

ing talent: all the top German commercial banks have their headquarters in the city, as does the Bundesbank and, now, the European Central Bank, But to be "great" — or even just a credible rival to the City of London — it will need successfully to steer the euro launch from the first trading day until the euro replaces the mark and other currencies as a daily means of transaction. We expect some glitches but nothing too serious," said a heavily pressed banker who had been working flat out since New Year's Eve.

There was doubt yesterday as to whether Frankfurt and indeed the suro has gained the full-powered political backing

that might have been expect-ed. Oskar Lafontaine, the German Finance Minister, chose to holiday in the Caribbean with his family rather than attend the New Year's Day launch by the European finance ministers.

"I cannot imagine a worse beginning for the German European presidency." Wolfgang Schäuble, the Christian Democratic Opposition's lead-er, said. Fran Roth was also on holiday. True, 10,000 Germans over-

came their hangovers on New Year's Day to gather in the park outside the European Central Bank and form a human symbol of the euro.

to give away chocolate euros — sending the wrong political signal by promptly melting in the hand - but it was difficult to avoid the impression that the German political class is playing down the dawn of the curo

The real damper on the euro launch came in a leak to the

Sunday German press: that Herr Lafonnaine is planning a 1 per cent or 2 per cent increase in VAT, despite government promises not to raise taxes in this legislation. this legislative period. Herr La-formaine's spokesman denied the plans, but it is clear that Germany hopes to benefit from broader European tax harmonisation to increase VAT. Germany is now among the lowest in Europe, with VAT at 16 per cent and if it were, for example, to reach the British level of 17.5 per cent almost £10 billion of extra revenue would flow into the feder-



French language purists flinch at English accent

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

EUROLAND may be only newborn, but French-language purists are complain-ing already that the word used to describe the new single European currency region sounds too English and should be replaced with one

more pleasing to French ears. Even though "euroland" is already common linguistic currency throughout Europe, some French academics have suggested that it should be replaced by eurolande, or even la terre euro.

Alain Rey, a prominent language expert, told Le Figaro that the Académie Française, that the Academic Française, the arbiter of the language, would "probably propose that this hybrid term be Frenchi-fied by adding a final 'e'." The only problem with that solution is that lande does not

tionary definition is "veget tion in a temperate zone, prin cipally composed of heather, broom and gorse, generally rethe forest". In other words, a scrub-filled wasteland of little use to man or beast. "One can aiready hear the Eurosceptics pointing out that the name eurolande is only too appropriate." Le Figaro said.

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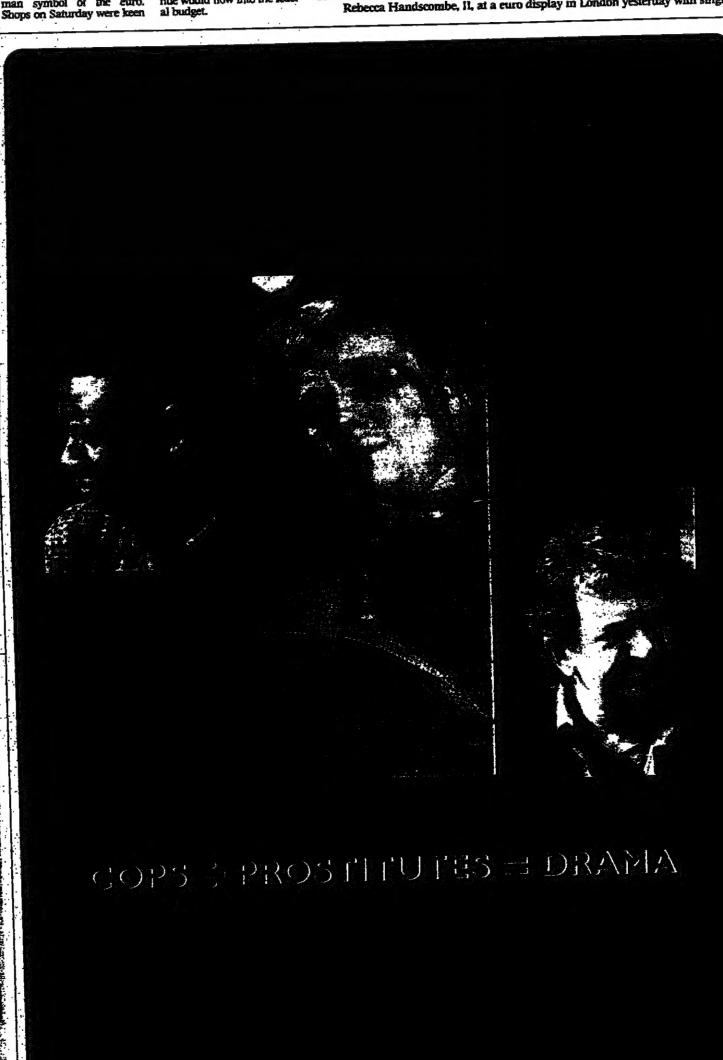
easily with speakers of Eng-lish German, Dutch, Swedish and Danish, but defenders of French say that the Romance languages have not been taken into account in the designation of the new economic area.

"Once again, it will be Eng-lish which drowns out everything else, without French, Spanish or Italian having a word to say on the matter," M Rey said. The eccentric French novel.

ist, Jean Raspail, who recently invaded a British owned rock in the Channel in the name of a non-existent South Ameria non-existent South American king, goes still further, saying that the failure to develop an alternative to the term envoland is another sign of French defeatism in the face of Anglo-Sasan cultural colonisation.

French people will not lift a little finger to defend their language." M Raspall said. d to make it sound ion, he added.

The Academy's most ouispo ken defender of the language. Jean Dutourd, said: With or



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Scots eager to test their new-found power

IN FOUR months' time Scots will go to the polls to change the way the country has been run for 292 years. They still cannot quite believe it is happening. Nor do they know what will come of it all. But. whatever doubts there may be elsewhere - narticularly in England - about the wisdom of this great constitutional adventure, the Scots themselves show no sign of wavering. If anything, enthusiasm for

change has hardened. Every poli reveals that they have, over the past few months of intensive political activity, developed a strong sense of their own Scottishness, a conviction that the parliament they are about to elect will deliver a new beginning, and a belief that it will be better than the one that has run their affairs from further south. For some,

gerous commodity. The remit of a Scottish parliament may be wide, its delegated powers and its ability to legislate farreaching, but it will move within the same hudgetary constraints as it ever did. There will be no extra funding, no loosening of the Treasury purse strings. The tax-raising powers it has been given are limited and will not be used at least within the

first term of the parliament. How then will the expectations be met? One theory runs that the disappointment factor will play straight into the hands of the Scottish Nationalists. Alex Salmond, their leader, has pledged his party to back the new parliament, to ensure that it is a success and that it delivers sensible policies. But right now he can afford to do so. secure in the knowledge that, by his calcu-lation, he cannot lose: if the parliament be-

SCOTLAND YEAR OF DESTINY

gins to fall victim to recrimination and schism, then he will be in a position to say: how much better things could be done in an independent Scotland. If, on the other hand, it is a modest success, he can argue: how much better it would be in an independent Scotland.

This is Labour's nightmare: a narrow election victory under the additional-member voting system dictates an alliance. probably with the Liberal Democrats. An apparently supportive SNP nevertheless

Times writers test the mood of a country that is preparing for its first parliament in 300 years

> tion strategy which, in four years' time, presents a strong alternative to the electorate. With events drifting away from the Government in Westminster, and factionalism at home, the nation would be heading straight into the uncharted and choppy waters of separatism.

That, however, is just a little too simplis-tic. It presumes a passive electorate, a selfassured nationalist party, and a Labour Party frozen like a rabbit confronted by the SNP stoat. There are still four months to go in what will be a fascinating and unnonalists are still perceived very much as a one man band; they will have to convince voters that they have strength in depth if they are to win genuine support. Their economic policies, still sketchy, will be tested to destruction by the opposition parties. And meanwhile Labour is climbing back in the polls. Analysis of the most recent surveys suggest that when it comes to the second choice on the ballot paper voters will be required to optior parties as well as for individual candidates - La-

bour is doing far better than the SNP. This suggests that the Scottish electorate is not yet prepared to abandon its traditional reliance on Labour as its preferred choice to govern the country. It has been on trial over the past few months but it has not yet been pronounced guilty. On this analysis it will come home as the majority party. What happens then will be critical. Four years is not a long time in

Cue for a fresh cast of political hopefuls

DONNIE'S the dark, rugged pop star who's put his rock'n' roll lifestyle behind him. Tasmina's the ambitious young actress already known to millions but seeking a new role. Duncan is a Harvard man tipped to one day lead his crunmy, while Tavish sometimes pretends to be a Viking.

They could be the east of a daytime soap opera and will certainly be making lots of television appearances in the near future. They are unlikely to generate as much viewer interest as Vera Duckworth or Grant Mitchell, however - unless the young stars of Scotland's new parliament become embroiled in sex scandals. skulduggery or corruption. (Then again, this is politics.) The creation

of the Holyrood administration brings with it 129 vacancies Scottish party politics and an opportunity for a generation of

young hopefuls. Among them is Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh, 27, above, a second-generation Asian Scots actress who wants to abandon Bollywood for Holyrood.

She became active in the Scottish Tories after last year's general election rout left the party without a single MP in Scotland. Her latest drama role, shot in Scotland, will be seen by up to three billion

THE NEW FACES

By JASON ALLARDYCE, Scottish Political Reporter

Asian viewers around the world. She is also a qualified lawyer and a mother, and speaks five languages.

An admirer of Baroness Thatcher, she has politics in her blood. Her father. Mo Rizvi, was the first Asian to become a regional councillor in Scotland, winning a seat in the Lothiaus in 1986. I was spat at while I cam-

paigned for my father because we were Tories. But that is par for the course," she said. "Conservarism and Islam have very similar values of enterprise. where you get up and do what you can for yourself and respect your elders and family." Ms Ahmed-Sheikh stands little chance of preventing the Scottish National Party taking the Glasgow Govan seat for which she is standing but she should go through thanks to

proportional representation.

Donnie Munro, below, is known to hundreds of thousands of fans as the former

frontman of Runrig, the Guelic rock band. Now the man who has four gold albums to his name is singing to Laand is confi-

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dent he will not have to settle for silver in his battle to win the Highland constituency of

Ross, Cromarty and Skye. A polished performer, the 44-year-old with friends in high places could become the first Scottish parliament minister for the Highlands, for the Gaelic language or both. He returned to his native Skye last year to become development director at Sabhal Mor Os-

taig, a college of further education that teaches Gaelic. Mr Munro is a passionate advocate not only for the Gaelic lan**guage**

also for land reform to benefit crofting tenants. But while Mr Munro remains a youth icon for many. his age betrays the fact that Labour has struggled to bring as much young blood into the new parliament as rivals, in particular the SNP.

Perhaps the biggest name to watch is Duncan Hamilton, the 20-something tipped in some quarters to be the next SNP leader, and likened to the present incumbent. Alex Salmond, and to Tony Blair, Mr Hamilton, who

chief executive, has a first-class honours degree and won a scholarship to Harvard. He has been known to work until 4am at the SNP headquarters.

The sharply dressed 24-year-old son of the Manse, whose body language the pulpit, is a member of what has become known as the nat pack. This is the band of

young turks who have assumed positions of power

around the SNP leader. Tavish Scott, above, is also tipped to lead his party, the Scottish Liberal Democrats. The 33-year-old Shetlander, who is preparing to take part in the annual Viking fire festival this month, is close geo-graphically and philosophically to his party leader, Jim Wallace, who represents Shetland and Orkney at Westminster.

Mr Scott, a farmer, married with two young children, was Mr Wallace's assistant while he was chief whip in 1989. He headed the 1992 election communications team before returning to Bressay to become a councillor and party transport spokesman. Mr Scott, who is contesting Shetland Holyrood, will fight for the home rule settlement to be altered to include devolution on issues such as abortion and euthanasia.



New year, new hope: fireworks over Edinburgh Castle as Scots await the first foot in parliament

Shock waves from a cultural revolution

THE ARTS renaissance that is flourishing in Scotland began long before the devolution referendum. During two general elections, as politicians squabbled about the benefits of home rule, writers, musicians and actors focused their energies on creating a

new cultural identity. Outsiders may equate the Scottish arts scene with the Edinburgh Festival. In truth, the theatres, art galleries and concert hails across Scotland have never been busier providing a showcase for a plethora

of home-grown talent.
"I feel in some way that devolution and the political ad-vances came about because of the arts revival," Barclay Price, the deputy director of the Scottish Arts Council, said. The country was feeling self-confident when it voted for devolution and the healthy arts scene played a part in cre-ating that feeling."

For several years the arts revival was conducted as if it was a Scottish secret. Writers including Irvine Welsh, James Kelman and · and A.L. Kennedy were eulogised and sold well at home but their books gathered dust on bookstore shelves elsewhere. It was not until Kelman won the 1994 Booker Prize with How Late It Was, How Late hat readers outside Scotland took more notice of the new generation of Scottish au-thors. Now Scottish writing is considered trendy, Londonsigning up names such as AlARTS SCENE

By GILLIAN HARRIS' Scotland Correspondent

ice Thompson, Alan Warner and Duncan McLean, all literary prizewinners.

Film-makers waving the cultural banner for Scotland are also benefiting from being seen as hip. Before the 1995 success of Trainspotting. made by the same team behind the low-budget Shallow Grave, a handful of directors were making films in Scot-land. Now Scottish Screen, which funds new projects, is inundated with requests from directors all hoping to be the

new Danny Boyle. That is good news for Scottish actors. Robert Carlyle, who starred in Trainspotting and The Fully Monty, divides his time between projects abroad and work in Scotland, including the BBC drama series Looking For Jo Jo. which was based in Edinburgh. Peter Mullan won the Cannes Festival best-actor prize in May for My Name Is Joe, about a recovering Glaswegian alcoholic

In music, the surge of cultural energy has spawned a new generation of bands, among them Bis. Idlewild, Texas, the Supernaturals and Primal Scream. In classical music, James McMillan, a contemporary composer, has emerged as a major voice. Retrospec-tives of his work have been

idlewild: part of a new generation of pop bands

performed at the Edinburgh Festival and in London while another Scot, Evelyn Glennie. has taken his percussion concerto Veni. Veni Emmanuel on a world tour.

The defining characteristic of the new wave of artists is that they have a fresh outlook with no desire to cling to the kitsch world of tartan and heather. Ewan McGregor, de facto leader of the new arts pack, wears a kilt but would never be persuaded to appear on a Hogmanay show alongside White Heather Club singers. Sheila Murray, a Glasgow-based member of the British Council and Scotland's international arts officer, said: Scotland has always been vibrant and looking to the international market. Devolution has not caused the upsurge but it will probably fuel confidence especially if the parlia-ment has the foresight to use the arts as Scotland's calling card abroad. The arts community is very vocal. It will not give politicians an easy ride if they are not an integral part of

the new order."

which to ensure the smooth running of a new parliament, deliver enough to convince Scots that it has been worth voting for but not so much that it arouses the has tility of Westminster. A steady hand on the tiller will be a prime requirement. In Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, Labour seems to have just that. There have been signs recently that Mr Dewar, far from weakening under the Nationalist as-sault, has discovered a new confidence. He thinks that he is going to do well he

thinks that the parliament can work and he believes that he can handle the worst the SNP can throw at him. Between the punchy demagogue Salmond and thetatious ascetic Dewar, the fate of Scotland and the constitutional future of the UK will be determined.

Tim Hames, page 2

THE ROAD TO DEVOLUTION

1928 National Party of Scotland formed to campaign for Scottish parliament. Lat-er merges with Scottish Par-ty to form Scottish National

1945 Robert McIntyre be-comes first SNP MP after Motherwell by-election but loses seat weeks latter at general election

1947 Non-political Scottish Convention calls national assembly with 600 delegates. Labour and Conservatives support limited devolution in principle

1967 Winnie Ewing wins Hamilton for SNP

1972 Discovery of North Sea oil. Nationalists argue that Scotland could comfortably afford independence

1974 Scotland elects 11 SNP MPs as party's Scots. vote peaks at 30 per cent-

1978 MPs narrowly back Labour Bill for Scottish and Weish devolution, subject to 40 per cent voting yes in a referendum

1979 Scots vote yes but in insufficient numbers for 40 cent requirement. Thatcherism defies what John Smith later ceils "settled will" of Scottish people

1987 Margaret Thatcher comfortably wins general election in England but loses 11 of 21 Scottish MPs as Scots voters reject rightwing programme and polit tax, initiated in Scotland

1989 Convention of Scottish Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs and community groups, boycotted by SNP, begins work on blueprint for devolution

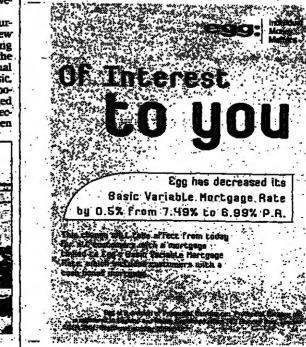
1992 John Major wins general election. Home rule marches attract up to 5,000 people protesting that Govemment has no mandate to govern Scotland -

1995 Roseanna Cunningham captures "safe" Tory seat of Perth and Kirross for SNP. Convention launches proposals for parliament with tax-raising powers

1996 Labour feets electorally vulnerable on tax and says another referendum must be held before a Labour government delivers Scottish parliament

1997 Tories without single Scottish MP after general. election. Devolution ves campaion unites Labour. Lib Dems and SNP, Overwhelming vote for Edinburgh perliament with tax powers

1998 Scotland Act makes it to statute books, with elections to be held on May 6. SNP poll surge puts it only marginally behind Labour. Majority in some polis back



Free books: read all about it

The Times launches Britain's biggest book bonanza, aimed at making a wide range of literature available to young readers



The Free Books for Schools scheme, which begins in earnest today, is set to become the largest ever giveaway of reading materials for British classrooms. Nearly 26,000 schools, with five million pupils, have registered to collect tokens, the first of which appears on page 24 of The Times today, to save towards the range of titles on offer. The 150 books available are drawn from all areas of the school curriculum, from infant readers through to A-level students. Early primary titles include several Judith Kerr books, such as Mog in the Dark and The Tiger Who Came to Tea, as well as the ever popular For in Socks by Dr Seuss. Teenage

books include My Left Foot by Christy Brown, Dubliners by James Joyce and Brave New World by Aldous Huxley. The list of books was compiled by the educational publishers Cliff Moon and Michael Jones.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has endorsed the scheme, which coincides with the Government's own National Year of Reading. He said: "We are committed to raising standards of literacy and we are asking the nation to join this campaign." Well over one billion tokens will appear in all, on packets of Walker's Crisps, Walker's Lites, Quavers, Monster Munch. French Fries, Doritos and Walker's Cheetos, as well as in other News International newspapers until the end of March. Schools can register for the scheme until February 28 by calling the Free Books for Schools helpline on 0845 6040312.

Opening windows to the outer world

BY GEORGE PENDLE

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SOME of Britain's leading authors are backing the country's largest books giveaway to promote children's reading.

The Booker Prize winners Ben Okri and A S Byatt are among the literary figures en-thused by the Free Books for Schools scheme in *The Times*:

Beryl Bainbridge, whose many novels include An Awfully Big Adventure and this. year's much-praised Master Georgie, said she hoped the scheme would help children to turn off the box and open a

The author, who regularly reads to her grandchildren Inigo, 5. Esme, 4, and Flor-ence, 1, added: Reading at schools is terribly important. Books are desperately needed everywhere and this scheme

Fay Weldon, the novelist and screenwriter, described Free Books for Schools as "quite brilliant". She added: "It's really good that children should read and that lack of funds should not prevent them from doing so. Reading is quite extraordinarily impor-tant — it's all I did as a child. "TV tends to studify the imthat books contain that allow the imagination to grow. That is why reading is so necessary

Okri, whose novel The Famished Road won the Booker Prize, said the books giveaway was "positively important". He added: "Reading has to be put back to the top of the

" It should not just be schoolwork which people are forced to read, it should once again. be seen as life-enhancing, glamorous sexy. Films, videos, CD-Roms

just don't compete - they can't compete with the infinite variety of reading. It cannot be over-stressed.

Peter Ackroyd, the so a lifeline as a child. From my earliest years. I became en-tranced with books as they opened up other realities and possibilities to me."

Wendy Cope, the poet, was a primary school teacher. She backed the scheme, saying: "I

agination because it has none helped children to learn to of the paradoxes or complexity tead and children's poetry in particular has flowered in the last 30 years."

Lord Bragg, the television presenter and author, said: "I support the project wholeheartedly. Reading leads you into hundreds of worlds - worlds of facts, of religion, of adventure - print takes you any-

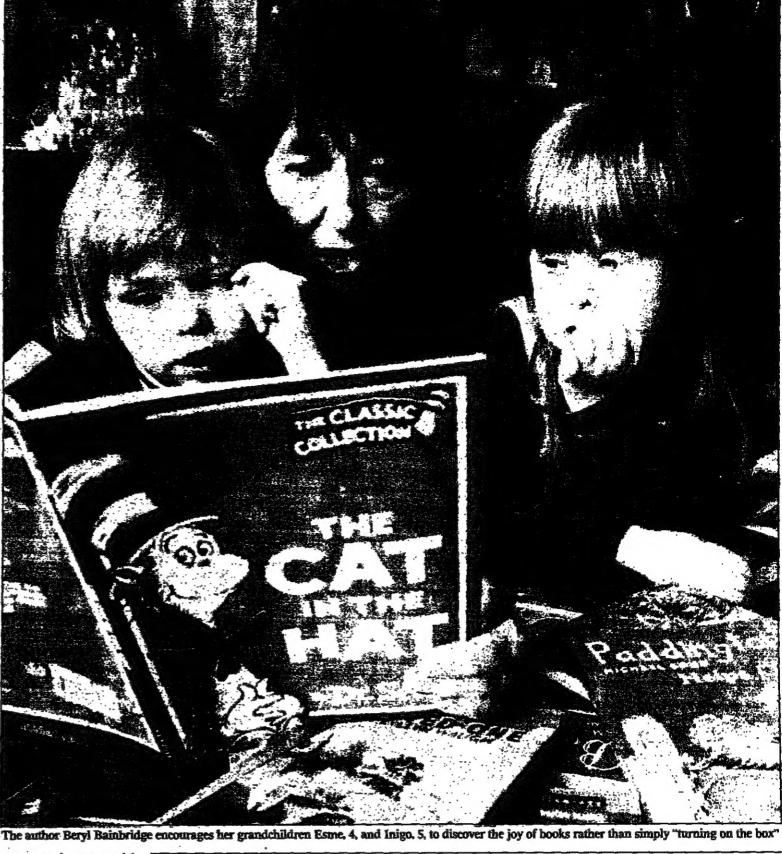
Andrew Motion, the poet and biographer, believes The Times is doing "a wonderful thing". He added: "It is extremely important and I hope that it all takes root.

"Good books are not only en-tire self-sufficient rooms, but also windows into the outer Byatt, another Booker prizewinner and author of numer-

claimed biographer and novel-ist. Was another to support the scribed Free Books for Schools ous children's stories, dething".
She added: "Modern education seems to put the emphasis

on teamwork and group studies but I think that a lot of children also need solitude and pri-

Twe been to schools which innew the importance of read-have almost no books, or ing both at school and at where children work from phohome. Poetry has always tocopied chapters of books and



whole thing, and this saddens me. People have a greed for reading and it should be satisfied.

"A person reading a good book is a meeting of minds, it is a one-to-one experience and children should have a choice of as many minds as is possible, from Terry Pratchett to

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on how the Square Mile helps pupils in the East End to improve literacy

PEOPLE who work in the City of London are spending funchtimes in East End schools, helping pupils to learn to read - and now they are to collect tokens from The Times to provide them with

desperately needed books.

The employees are to urge colleagues to put the tokens in special collection bins around the office; the tokens will then be passed on to schools, which exchange them for books. Sharon Merryman, commu-

nity relations officer for Lloyd's of London, said she had been impressed by the number of companies and employees eager to go into schools near by in Tower Hamlets to help pupils on a pne-to-one basis. The uptake recently has been amazing. It is growing to such an extent that when I go to a see a company which is part of Lloyd's it is hard to get them to talk about anything else. They realise how good it is for them and for local kids."

After liaising with schools in Tower Hamlets for four years, volunteers from Lloyd's have realised that new books are organity required if literacy levels are to continue to inprove. Lloyd's says it will create collection points in each of its companies for the Free Books for Schools tokens, so employees who may not wish to teach in schools can still help out by donating tokens. Ms Merrymen said that employees found watching popils overcome difficulties ex-



teers from the Bank found

tremely rewarding. "They say that when they watch the con-fidence of the child improve it is incredible. Firms like the scheme because it also allows staff from different departments to meet each other, which can create better co-op-

eration back in the office." The upsurge in City companies wishing to take part has been prompted by the National Year of Reading which began last September. Firms

such as Clifford Chance, WH Smith and the Bankers Trust are involved and British Telecom is to announce its. own pilot project to send 500 employees to teach in schools.

The Bank of England regularly sends 20 staff to two primary schools in Tower Hamlets. Linda Barnard, community relations manager, said the work had helped to forge links between the institution and local communities. Volun-

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kens for all types of books to suit every age of pupil.

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paperback titles, 250 for longer, larger novels and 500 for audio books, teacher's Big Books, books in

Braille, as well as world atlases and dictionaries.

"The Bank of England has always felt it has a responsibility for society. We do this scheme for philanthropic reasons to bridge the gap be-tween those with wealth and the less fortunate. It's also a popular project because it does not take up too much time," Ms Barnard said. Peter Thompson, communi

that it boosted their morale.

ty operations manager for BT. said the company had decided to introduce the scheme in view of the Government's wish to encourage business in volvement with schools and the drive to improve literacy in schools. "Companies helping to teach children to read is an idea which seems to have mushroomed." He added that the scheme could ultimately help to provide candiates qual ified to join BT's workforce.

The number of tokens required per book will vary from about 100 to, for large at-

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Anti-British agitation brought threat of conflict three decades before

invasion, reports Mark Henderson

ERNEST BEVIN formally warned Argentina to keep its hands off the Falkland Islands or risk war with Britain, documents released under the 50-year rule have shown.

The Labour Foreign Secretary told his Argentine counterpart at a meeting in 1948 that Britain would not tolerate any attempt to seize the Falklands. The warning to Juan Atilio Bramuglia followed intense

anti-British agitation in Argen-tina, which diplomats leared was being whipped up by the populist Government of President Juan Perón to press its claim to the Falklands and other British possessions in the South Atlantic and Antartica.

"I thought it right to tell Dr Bramuglia that if any attack were made on the Falkland Islands we should defend ourselves and that there would be hostilities," Bevin wrote after the meeting in London. Bramuglia, he wrote, assured him that Argentina did not want to go to war over the claim.

A detailed Foreign Office briefing paper on Anglo-Ar-gentinian relations, drafted in January 1948 and declassified at the weekend, also hints at the possibility of military ac-tion in the region. It notes that

was so concerned about the fall-

ing population that it would

seek people to move in. At

least 30 have made inquiries.

Perón twice ordered "elaborate naval expeditions" to British possessions in Antarctica, which committed "acts of trespass on British territory" by setting up bases on Deception Island and Gamma Island.

"These . . . were made the subject of two strongly-worded notes of protest to the Argentine Government in December 1947, and the question of what further action should be taken to defend British interests in the Antarctic is now under consideration," the paper said.

Bevin's intransigence over the Falklands stands in stark contrast to the position of Ha-rold Wilson, who in 1968 held secret talks with Argentina about transferring sovereignty of the islands, according to documents released last week under the 30-year rule. The 1940s



Perón: ordered elaborate naval exercises in region

saw a marked deterioration in relations between Brittin and Argentina, which had been largely friendly before the election of Perón in 1946. A series of reports from Britain's charge d'affaires in Buenos Aires, G.P. Labouchere, aiso newly released, chart his growing anxiety at the intensity of anti-British feeling,

Tension became acute after Reconquest Day on August 12,

DIPLOMATS TRIED TO SILENCE CRITIC

British diplomats advised The News Chronicle not to publish reports from an Irish journalist in Trinidad because he was a "notoriously anti-British Catholic", documents from 1947 reveal. Gary MacEoin found another job as informa-tion officer with the Caribbean Commission Secretariat and wrote several articles for other publications criticising British policy in the Caribbean, attacking officials to, trying to stop missionaries setting up Catholic schools.

ing Argentina's victory over British troops at Buenos Aires in 1806. The occasion was "celebrated with marked pomp and ceremony". Labouchere said, and was "accompanied by the type of effervescent patriotism that has become the peculiar characteristic of the present Perón administration.

A large crowd watched Peron light the "Flame of the Argentine Spirit" in the Plaza de la Mayo, after which 15 torches lit from the flame were carried away on Bedford trucks to the provinces.

As the last of the trucks left, Labouchere wrote, "it was announced amidst cheers that it carried the flame that was destined to go to the Falklands and the Antarctic".

Other actions by the Perón Government were also calculated to sur up anger at Britain over the Falklands, Labouchere said. A minister had publicly accepted a businessman's offer of \$100,000 to build an Argentinian school in the islands, and a prefabricated building was made to be trans-ported there to house a fisheries mission.

The Foreign Office's con-temptuous attitude towards Argentina's posturing in the South Atlantic is illustrated by a handwritten note on the cover of one of the documents, inviting an official to "glance a. the latest instalment of nonsense from the Argentine"



Ernest Bevin: gave stern warning, though aides dismissed Argentinian actions as nonsense

Man held over death of barmaid

NEWS IN BRIEF

The boyfriend of a barmaid Year's Eve party was arrested yesterday. Kerry Scott. 24. was last seen walking home with Richard Tate, 29, from the pub where she worked. Her body was discovered on New Year's Day by a relative who became concerned when she failed to answer the tele-

Miss Scott, who lodged at Waterlooville. Hampshire, had been severely beaten and had other injuries inflicted with a sharp instrument. Po-lice said that Mr Tate, who lives a few doors away, was arrested at 5am at an address in London They said inquiries into Miss Scott's death were

Army inquiry

Military police are investigat-ing the death in custody of a former army doctor suspensed of child sex abuse. Paul Morris, 46, who deserted it years ago amid similar allegations, died at the military prison in Coichester on December 20,

Three held

Police arrested three Gloucester teenagers on suspicion of murder. A 39-year-old sub-con-tractor who was involved in a fight in the city on December 22 later went home to Bedfordshire. He fell ill on Christmas Eve and died on Sammay.

Kidnap charge

An unemployed man aged 39 from Bath was charged with kidnapping and false impris onment yesterday after the al-leged abduction of a woman in the city last Wednesday. Katey Caven, 38, was found in Brixton, South London.

Queen's baubles

The Queen is auctioning her Christmas tree decorations at the Victoria and Albert Museum to raise £100,000 for the Society of Stars, which helps children with cerebral palsy. The 400 pieces include a fairy by designer Zandra Rhodes.

Thirty opt for spartan life Hume 'out of touch with business'

BY JASON ALLARDYCE

miles from the West High-ONE of Scotland's most beauland mainland, as "a jewel in tiful but remote Hebridean islands might soon offer a sparthe crown of conservation tan home to new inhabitants. management" where red deer Scottish Natural Heritage, flourish. Now man is an enwhich manages Rum (pop: 19). dangered species on an island recently announced that it

> The newcomers will enjoy spectacular scenery and views. But life is not exactly idyllic. The ferry runs four times a

The sole road, a dirt track, does

where 400 people lived before the Highland Clearances.

week - weather permitting: there is no mains water or electricity: and there is one shop.

not go round the whole island. Scottish Natural Heritage wants to attract self-sufficient people but says that the infrastructure cannot support a sudden increase in numbers: the aim is to build up to about 50 residents over ten years.

CARDINAL Basil Hume and the new Anglican Bishop of Liverpool were criticised yesterday after claiming that family life was being jeopardised by people having to work over Christmas.

Interviewed for GMTV's Sunday Programme, Cardinal Hume, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, said that, in the interests of family life. City traders should have refused to work over Christmas to prepare for the introduction of the euro and shop staff should also have declined to go in. Bill Morris, of the Transport and Gener-

al Workers' Union, said that he had started an important debate. He told GMTV: "I think what the Cardinal is saying is in our quest for competitiveness we must have regard for humanising the work-place and looking after the family."

On the same programme, the Right Rev James Jones urged employers to take more account of the family. He said: "I think the way some people are made to work is very destructive of family life and people who lead companies ought to be more responsible.

Supermarkets said that employees had

freedom of choice over whether they worked at Christmas. Ruth Lea, of the Institute of Directors,

said that this was a multicultural society with many non-Christians happy to work over the festive period. She said: "Where is their evidence of people going to work against their will? I feel they are out of touch. There should be a balance. People should be committed to work and family."

Bishop Jones also called for tax allowances to be transferable between parents

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Five shot dead as Mafia feuds erupt in Sicily

THE authorities in Sicily were braced for a new Mafia war yesterday after five gangsters sipping coffee at a bar were shot and killed in the worst mohyandetta muscless of their mob vendetta murders of their kind for a decade,

Two men armed with heavy Magnum and Beretta hand-guns burst into the bar at a petrol station in southern Sicily on Saturday evening, shooting down three mobsters at the counter and two others seated at a table. The assailants fired 40 shots, systematically applying coups de grâce in the neck of each victim before they left, the police said.

The gummen sped off in a Fiat Uno from the petrol station between Vittoria and Comiso, Investigators said the killing of the men, aged from 21 to 32, was an "internal purge" of unruly elements within a clan of the Stidda, a

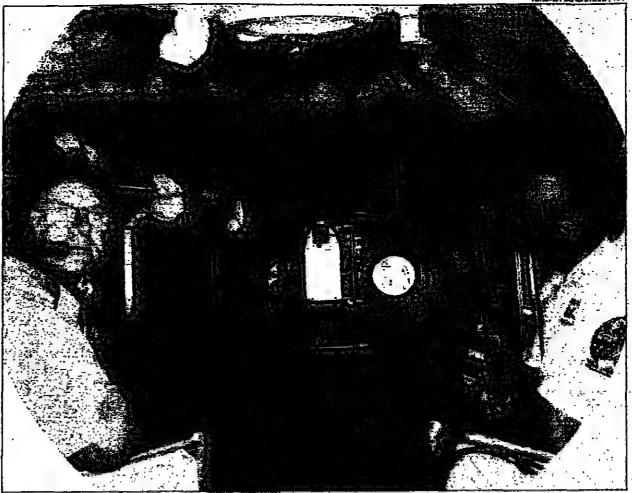
vicious and secretive rival to the Cosa Nostra that has taken root in southern Sicily over the

The attack is believed to be the worst inter-gangster violence in Sicily since eight people died in a shootout in Gela in 1990. The quintuple murder ends a long period of relative peace in Sicily, linked to regrouping of Malia clans after the arrest of a string of Cosa Nostra kingpins. That crackdown

launched in the wake of the 1992 assassinations of the two judges Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino and their po-lice escort. The latest murders deal a blow to the southern Mezzogiorno where the image problem linked to organised crime is likely to discourage investment as Italy's poorer regions struggle to cope with the impact of the the euro.

Investigators identified the principal targets of the attack as Angelo Mirabella, 32, and Rosario Nobile, 27, whose ambitions to take over the Carbonare Dominante clan of the Stidda provoked the anger of dons determined to remain in control of the gang's lucrative extortion and drug peddling racket even while in prison, police sources said. Last year 18 leading Stidda bosses were jailed for life and 102 other mobsters received prison

terms totalling 600 years. Francesco Aiello, Mayor of Vittoria, urged the Govern-ment to provide police rein-forcements and appealed to his 60,000 citizens to break the Mafia code of omerta or silence. The only survivor of the shooting, Ignazio Lorefice, the 62-year-old barman who hid behind the counter, said he "saw nothing."



Dave Liniger, left, an American billionaire, and Bob Martin, a science reporter, test the electrical systems on the gondola of their Team RE/MAX balloon after announcing that their attempt to circle the Earth, flying on the edge of space, has been postponed until Friday because of high winds above the Australian launchpad at Alice Springs

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Swedish King and Queen aid hurt skier

Stockholm: A Japanese skier who injured his head on the slopes of Sweden's top ski resort got the surprise of his life when the King and Queen of Sweden came to his aid.

of Sweden came to his aid.

"The Queen held my friend's head on her lap and she stopped the wound from bleeding by putting pressure on it with her fingers," Tadashi Sakaguchi told the Swedish daily Aftonbladet.

According to the paper,

According to the paper. King Carl XVI Gustaf was the first person to alert rescuers to the accident, which happened at Aare in the northwest, while Queen Silvia cared for the injured skier, deseribed as a man in his fifties but whose

name was not given.
The wounded skier, who was with four friends, was recovering in hospital. The royal couple, who are enormously popular in Sweden for their easy-going manner, are avid

"When we wanted to thank them, they had already quietly disappeared in their limousine," Tadashi Sakaguchi said (AFP)

WORLD IN BRIEF

Nine Filipinos killed in shootout after fire

Zamboanga, Philippines: Nine people were killed and 50 Injured in a confused gun battle between Philippine troops and former Muslim rebels who had been co-operating to put out a fire. The gunfight started after a grenade was tossed into a group of troops, civilians and former rebels as they extinguished a fire in a supermarket in the southern town of Jolo in the island of Mindanao, officials reported. The troops and rebels both suspected the other of throwing the grenade and began shooting. All of those killed were civilians. (Reuters)

Boy hurt in gun game

Orlando: A Florida boy aged 12 is in hospital in extremely critical condition after shooting himself in the head while playing Russian roulette, police here reported. The boy shot himself in the head with a 38-calibre revolver in what police say was an accident while playing Russian roulette with a friend aged 15. Police are looking for the friend, who called for help and then fled the scene, but do not consider him a suspect. (AFP)

China jails dissidents

Beijing: China has jailed two members of an opposition political organisation for nine months on what a Hong Kong-based rights group has called fabricated charges. Han Lifa and Cai Guihua are the latest members of the Chinese Democratic Party to be jailed in the Communists' fiercest crackdown on dissent in three years. Shanghai police told their families last month of the detentions, two months after they were last seen in public. (AP)

Tiger terror ended

Kathmandu: A man-eating tiger in Nepal, believed to have killed 50 people including children in the past six months, has been shot dead following requests by local people to hunt down the menace. Last year a tigress terrorised several villages in Baitadi district, 300 miles west of Kathmandu, and left 65 people dead before it was shot. (AFP)

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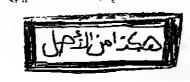
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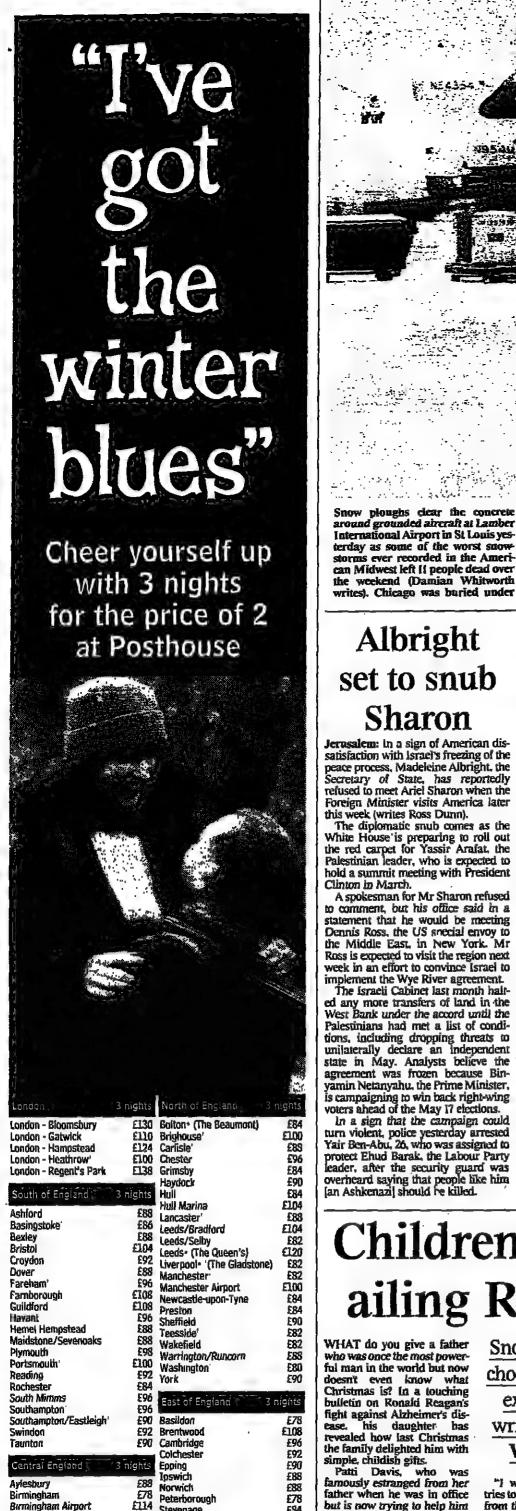
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Snow ploughs clear the concrete around grounded aircraft at Lamber International Airport in St Louis yes-terday as some of the worst snowstorms ever recorded in the American Midwest left II people dead over the weekend (Damian Whitworth writes). Chicago was buried under

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more than 30 years. Richard Daley, the city's mayor, pleaded with people to stay indoors. The band of snow

ISRAELI police last night arrested

eight members of an American Chris-

tian cult for allegedly plotting extreme acts of violence in the hope of bringing

and at secret sites inside Jerusalem's

Old City, with one probable target

being the Temple Mount.

A senior police officer told reporters

that the cult members believed that, if

they died during the shootout, it would

"lead them to heaven".

The arrests followed raids on the flats of the Denver-based spocalyptic Concerned Christians in two Jerusa-

lem suburbs in the first sign of a crack-down against cults and Masonic groups ahead of the millennium.

and extreme acts in the streets of Jeru-

salem at the end of 1999 to start the

process of bringing Jesus back to life," Brigadier-General Elihu Ben-Onn, the

national police spokesman, said. "The

arrests were carried out to protect cer-

tain sectors of the Israeli population

and members of the cult themselves."

Israeli police say the leader of the

group, Monte Kim Miller, who has

foretold his own death on the streets of

Jerusalem during 1999, is not in the

country. Mr Miller, 44, has said he is

one of the final two witnesses to the end

They planned to carry out violent

The planned violence allegedly included opening fire on Israeli police

about the Second Coming of Jesus.

as far south as Arkansas, where two people died in road accidents. Pileups of 60 vehicles or more were reported in several states, accounting for another seven deaths. In Illinois,

with hundreds of flights taking peo-ple home after the holidays. Only a tenth of flights were able to get in or out of O'Hare International Airport

Second Coming cultists arrested

> is accused of plotting millennium mayhem,

US religious group

writes Ross Dunn

in Jerusalem

of the world prophesied in the Book of

The cult members, including at least six of their children, did not resist arrest. Up to 70 members are believed to be in Israel after disappearing from Denver in October. The Israeli secret police, Shin Bet, have been monitoring the movements of some since their. arrival in November. It is believed that some of the Concerned Christians had left incriminating evidence on e-mail and telephone messages. Those arrested are all expected to be deported back to the United States.

The raid against them was led by Jerusalem's area commander Yaii Yihaki, who said he was concerned to allow visiting pilgrims access to holy sites while preventing extremist groups

from entering the country. The police will continue to work in every legal way to make possible free-

and in Israel, for all religions, in the year of the millennium," he said. "However, we will act firmly against the at-

tempts of extreme groups to block access to Christians in the year 1999."

After the raids, neighbours said the cult members had not bothered them. "They were so nice, so quiet, so polite," said Rami Hanono, who lived near one

of their houses.

Most of the cult members disappeared from Denver after Mr Miller prophesied that an earthquake would destroy the city. Although the calamity did not happen, many had already sold their belongings, and some headed for

Experis and relatives of members of the cult believe that Mr. Miller, who: claims that God speaks through him, has the power to persuade his followers to take their own lives.

According to a 1997 affidavit, filed by Nicolette Weaver, 16, in a US district court, her mother, a cult member, had said she would kill her daughter if ordered to by Mr Miller...

"My mother told me in August 1996 that we have only 40 months left on Earth." the affidavit said. "My mother told me that if Kim Miller told her to kill me, she would," The affidavit was used successfully to award Nicolette's father sole custody.

Second UN jet brought down in Angola

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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A SECOND United Nations cargo plane was shot out of the sky over Angola at the week-end as the 1994 peace agree-ment continued to unravel despite a 1,000-strong UN monitoring force.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, was outraged by the attack on the chartered Cl30 evacuating staff and equipment from the beleaguered city of Huambo to the capital, Luanda, on Saturday, All UN flights in the country have now been suspended.
The South African-owned

plane — carrying four Ango-lans, two Filipinos, an American and a Namibian - was hit by a missile about 20 minutes after take-off, near the rebel stronghold of Bailundo. The pilot tried to return to Huam-bo, but crashed in rebelcontrolled territory about 50 miles short of the city.

Troop-contributing tries, were told of the attack as they met in New York to dis-cuss the shooting down of another UN flight in the same area eight days, earlier: On Boxing Day, another CI30, also owned by TransAfrik of South Africa, crashed near by with 14 people aboard.

The latest outbreak in Ango-la's long-running civil war began last month when gov-ernment troops moved against Unita when it failed to relinquish territory in the central highlands and disband its 30,000 man army as required by the 1994 Lusaka Protocol. Recent fighting has been con-centrated near Huambo, the

country's second largest city. The UN began moving out its Huambo staff after a rebel artillery barrage killed at least eight people on Wednesday. Issa Diallo, head of the UN Observer Mission in Angola, defended the decision to con-tinue the airlift despite the loss of the first transport plane. He said that four government aircraft and two other UN planes had flown out of the city safely on Saturday, and added: "One should draw the conclusion that it is not normal to continue shooting at UN planes."
The UN has been withdraw-

ing its 1,000 monitors from the battle zones to Luanda, and the Mr Annan is due to report in two weeks on whether the peacekeeping mission should continue when its mandate expires on February 26.

Mr Annan, echoing an earlier demand by the Security Council, called for an "immediate ceasefire which will permit the conduct of search-andrecore miccione, as well as the relocation of UN staff to safer

The Government claims that Unita is holding crash survivors, but the rebels deny

Children's gifts make ailing Reagan smile

WHAT do you give a father who was once the most powerful man in the world but now doesn't even know what Christmas is? In a touching bulletin on Ronald Reagan's fight against Alzheimer's dis-ease, his daughter has revealed how last Christmas

In a sign that the campaign could

simple, childish gifts. Patti Davis, who was famously estranged from her father when he was in office but is now trying to help him to make sense of a world he finds increasingly confusing. described how she and her brother, Michael, thought hard before presenting him with a snow globe, picture books and chocolates. They were rewarded with smiles

In an article in The New York Times, Ms Davis did not say whether her father still recognises her. Recent reports have said that Mr Reagan. who is almost never seen in public, now only rarely recog-nises his wife, Nancy.

but little comprehension.

"Although my father is not in pain, he loses more of himself each month to Alzheimer's. For him, as for anyone who has the disease, time is the enemy. It becomes jum-bled, confused, compressed and emptier all the time — bollowed out." Ms Davis wrote. She and Michael, the Reagans' adopted son, arranged to give their father presents from them and their brother, Ron, at a meeting at their father's office shortly before Christmas. We have all thought along the same lines. what will he like to look at. what will hold his attention. or, even better, tug at his imag-

ination?" she wrote.

Snow globe and chocolate delight

ex-President,

writes Damian Whitworth

"I watch his hands as he tries to be careful, peeling tape from the wrappings. Then he just tears it, giving in to impa-tience perhaps. His eyes light up at the chocolates; for a moment we're co-conspira-tors, bringing him a delicacy he rarely gets. Those are all for you, dad. Michael tells him. You don't have to share them with anyone. 'Oh good,' he says playfully, pulling

them towards him. "He becomes engrossed in the books, the photographs of lakes and meadows and



Reagan: rarely in public

mountains. He turns the snow globe and smiles at the tiny winter wonderland. I tell him that when he tires of the sunshine outside the window, he can just look into the snow globe and change the season. He looks straight into my eyes

and says flatly: 'OK'." She had chosen the snow globe hoping it might spark a memory of their time together when she was a child.

"I'm not sure if my father still understands Christmas, but I'm certain he understands giving," she says, "And for the time we are there, so do Michael and I. When my brother and I leave, I ask him who was given the greater gift, our father or us. He doesn't need to answer me; we both know."

Ms Davis, 45, was estranged from her parents for years. Even as he was ordering military action or discussing new arms purchases she was a critical neace acrivist. Later she incurred her parents' displeasure when she posed for Playboy. Now an author and screenwriter, she says the past differences have been overcome.

Ms Davis painted a sad pic ture of Mr Reagan going into his office in Los Angeles even though he is incapable of

"He still goes there for a couple of hours on weekday mornings. There isn't much for him to do, but that isn't the point. It's a routine, and with Alzheimer's routines are important. There is something comforting about cluttering up his desk with gifts and cards. A pad that's never written on is always in the same place, has been for months."

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Bono blast has warned a tottering regine, says Christopher Thomas

NAWAZHARIF, the Pakista- be assassins. The Governni Prim Minister, narrowly escaped ssassination yesterday. A binb exploded under a bridge oside the Punjabi capital, Lahre, shortly before Mr Sharif all his family were to have dren over it on their way tohis farmhouse two miles any at Raiwind. Three passers- and a police officer died in the blast which wreckethe bridge.

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this has further strengthened our determination to fight this menace," an official statement said. Mushahid Hussain, the Information Minister, said the blast occurred on a route regularly used by Mr Sharif and his family, "But our Prime-Minister is a brave man," he said. "I have just talked to him: he is unshaken. In fact,

ment has taken stringent meas-

ures to root out terrorism and

those who died and were wounded in the explosion." The spread of politically motivated violence was confirmed yesterday when a security guard discovered a bomb on a railway line near Sialkot, close to the border with India. The device, designed to explode under pressure, was de-fused 45 minutes before a crowded Lahore-bound train was due to pass over the track.

he is more concerned about

Two days before Christmas an explosion killed three worshippers at a Roman Catholic church in Karachi, demonstrating a rise in religious per-

Mr Sharif is the most powerful leader in Pakistan's shaky democratic history. He has a huge parliamentary majority, enabling him to do practically as he wishes — including taking the country deeper into Islamisation in the hope of creating some sense of national identity and unity — and the army is quiescent. With no overt military opposition to him, his political opponents have become frustrated and increasingly angry as the country careers into worsening

social and economic crises. Bomb disposal experts sift-ed through the rubble of the bridge last night for ciues, but in a country so awash with guns, explosives and profes-



Pakistani police examine the wreckage of the bridge after the blast on the route home of Nawaz Sharif, right

sional terrorists they are unlikely to find anything that might identify the attackers

Mr Sharif blames the MQM for most of the violence in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, with a population of 14 million, which has been con-troiled by the MQM since the mid-1980s. MQM leaders say that blaming the group is an-other attempt by Mr Sharif's Government to destroy its political base in the province of Sindh and force its leaders underground. "The Govern-

ment wants to use this inci-dent to launch a fresh crackdown on our party," a spokesman said. They want to eliminate the MQM."
Mr Sharif, whose first term

in office was cut short when the military engineered his downfall, has achieved the near-impossible by becoming as unpopular as Benazir Bhutto, his discredited predecessor. whose two terms in power were terminated by the military because of corruption and incompetence.

But her chaotic periods in

ffice are starting to look like a golden era compared with the national disintegration overseen by Mr Sharif. The country is effectively bankrupt and prices of essential goods have soared — in some cases by more than 20 per cent — since Pakisian deionated nuclear de-

vices in May. and that runs to a large degree on a black economy in which The explosions brought a short-term surge of national pride, but now are widely condemned by Pakistanis for bringing economic catastrophe on the nation. Political instability has been

drugs play a pivotal role. Given the depth of its unpopularity, Mr Sharif's administration looks destined to fall long before its term is over.

heightened by Mr Sharif's ac-

tive support for the extremist

Taleban militia in neighbour-

ing Afghanistan, whose brutal

enforcement of strict rules of

beh viour he has praised. This is a measure of how des-

perate he has become to bring

some sense of order to a coun-

try that despises its politicians

threat to **UN** aid workers FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

Baghdad

IRAQ is threatening to proyoke a new crisis by throwing out British and American relief workers involved in humanitarian projects under the United Nations' "oil-forfood" programme.

The Iraqi decision, conveyed verbally to UN officials in Baghdad, presents a direct challenge to the long-standing principle that the UN selects its own international staff.

The move presents a dilemma for Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, who must decide whether to cave in to trag's demands or to halt the oil-for-food programme until fraq backs down.

iraq is apparently targeting 12 Britons and one American who work in humanitarian projects funded by the oil-forfood scheme, which allows the export of a limited amount of uil to finance purchases of food, medicine and other much-needed supplies.

Despite international sanctions imposed eight years ago, Iraqis will be entitled for the first time this year to limited

free health care.
All but two of the threatened
British and American staff

work on UN projects in three Kurdish-controlled areas in northern Iraq, but they still require Iraqi visas. Five of the Britons are

involved in a UN mine- amoving effort in the corth that would allow Kurds to return to their homes after being forced out by military action, a project for which Baghdad has little sympathy. Eight of the 13 UN stall affected are outside Iraq for Christmas and new year's leave, and Iraq is refus-ing to grant them permission to re-enter the country.

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Holding an AK47 assault sies in Nirobi and Dar es rifle, the fundamentalist lead-Salaam agart of his body war ... er described the acquisition of against Jes and Americans, chemical and nuclear weap-The regade billionaire; ons as a religious duty and praised the 1993 Somalia that killed 18 American peacekeeping troops.
"Hostility towards America

is a religious duty and we hope to be rewarded for it by God." he said. "I am confident that Muslims will be able to end the legend of the so-called

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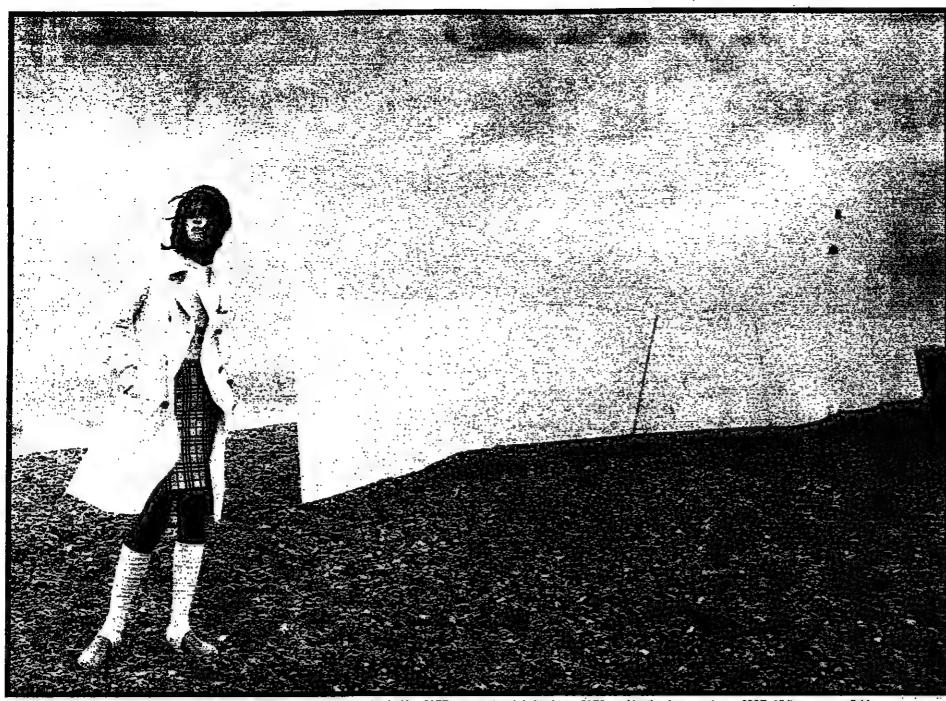
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view early samples.

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plete with the perfect slimmeddown trench, spot-on pleated skirts and updated cashmere pieces - Joseph in London had placed orders, as had Bergdorf Goodman and Barneys in New York (three stores that, in the past, would have been as likely to stock Burberrys on their rails as they would be to drape George at Asda across their windows). Clearly this would never have happened if the somewhat staid. tourist-fodder Burberrys clothes had not been transformed into a sharp, focused collection of must-haves, but equally there's no doubt that

what is essentially an entirely new collection.

"Obviously when you approach a campaign, you choose the people whose work you most admire," says Bravo.

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pany to be." Photographers are no less proud of their advertising work than are their clients. Six years ago I was always hearing from photographers and models that they were doing what they called money jobs." says Lucinda Cham-

bers, the fashion director of British Vogue. "But now they do it for the challenge and the excitement - and they're proud of them, whereas previously they would keep quiet about them. Maybe there is more integrity involved, or perhaps the campaigns pay so well that photographers can

afford to be selective. "Either way, the A-list only does jobs that will stretch them creatively. They see no distinction between advertising work and their editorial. because even though their names do not appear on the advertising, everyone in the business knows who's shot what. If anything, photographers and models actually work harder on the ads because they are being paid astronomi-

cal amounts. With editorial, they earn so little that some of them adopt the attitude that the magazine is lucky to have them at all.

"Certainly, when it comes to exhibitions and coffee table tomes, Mario Testino is happy to display his advertising work alongside his editorial— not surprisingly, given that many people credit the highly glamorised, sexually charged campaigns he shot for Gucci as being a key factor in the phenomenal turnaround of the company's image in the

e also notes that "the big thing that happened to fashion this decade is that commercial stopped being a dirty word. In fact, magazines became much more commercial than they had ever been before, so the moral line between editorial and advertis-

ing blurred anyway.

Everyone's realised that there's nothing wrong with selling stuff, and people have realised that if they want to be totally pure, they should be working in an art gallery, not fashion."

If the top photographers are now accorded an unprecedented amount of freedom in the way that they choose to shoot a campaign, they are still required to provide the client with detailed storyboards and Polaroid photographs before they shoot the real thing. If this approach makes new Labour's pager-obsession look

lax, the point is that advertising campaigns offer clients perhaps their best opportunity of the season to get their mission

"At Burberrys, because we are trying to revolutionise the merchandise, we have very specific things to say," says Rosemary Bravo. "We have to explain to the customer that the ethos is British, buit not

staid, cross-generational but modern, as well as focus people on the fabrics."

This is the company that invented gabardine; after all. You might get great pictures in a newspaper or magazine that cost you nothing," continues Bravo. "On the other hand, they might have to drop the picture of your jumper at the last minute because anoth-

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Describe your style. Currently, dark pinstripe jackets with a white T-shirt, navy trousers, glitter cardigans and skirts from "dressing-up box shops".

What do you think of the current fashion trends? I like skinny, sweeping trou-

sers and Vovage's turquoise. sparkly. leopardvoré dress-

es. And I love next spring's coral and agua colours.

What period in fashion do

you love? The Thirties and Forties — Marlene Dietrich and Carole Lombard. I love the blonde hair, the trousers, the inquiring eyebrows.

When do you go shopping? When it all gets too much.

What are your pet hates in the world of fashion? It is unnecessary to criticise anyone, however annoying

sages you see as important."

their stuff is, if they are trying to be creative.

What is the most expensive/ luxurious item you have ever bought? My horse, Flash, redeemed by the grazing package of £8 a week, but that doesn't in-

> What accessory can you not live without?

My Mont Blanc pen. If there was

a fire, I'd be sad if I couldn't find Cracky the dog.

Where do you like to shop? love Peter Jones because it is so calm, and the razzmatazz of Westbourne Grove. 1 also like any shop that sells old clothes and handbags.

What piece of dothing/accessory would you most like to receive as a gift? Little dangly aquamarine earrings from Dinny Hall.

What is your style motto? If in any doubt, buy both.

tain, it's not difficult to see why er story came up. Either way the stakes are so high. you could never guarantee that they'll get across the mes-

No wonder that there was a studious air of concentration All parties admit that it is imon Steven Meisel's set during his three-day MaxMara possible to quantify the impact extravaganza. As Giorgio Gui-dotti says: "You can rehearse all you like, but even £30,000 a of a campaign in terms of sales, but agree that a good one does get customers into day doesn't always ensure that the stores. Given that Max-Mara has 800 of the latter, and the model won't miss her a turnover of \$1 billion to main-

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have always been great advertising concepts." he says. Guy Bordin shot fantastic pictures for Charles Jourdan. Helmut Newton and Richard Avedon also produced some of their greatest work for ads, but they tended to be exceptions.

leading fashion houses realise that a very striking campaign works on two levels - it makes an impact on the public and creates heat within the industry itself. "If a staid company sudden-

ly starts using an avant-garde photographer, that instantly makes people in the business talk and, because this morning's insider gossip is this afternoon's MTV headline, ultimately that sense of curiosity works its way through to the

This was certainly the case with Burberrys. When Rose-

mary Bravo flew Concorde into London this year from a high-powered job at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, in order to rescue the company from Burberry-check hell, what cal luli between her muchheralded arrival and the first batch of clothes bearing the new, sleek imprint - at least leaders were concerned - was the news that Mario Testino, Fabien Baron (the muchlauded art director of Harpers Bazaar magazine) and Stella

This information encouraged the kind of people who previously would not have crossed the street to check the label out to jet into London to

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on the campaign. without a strong campaign retailers would have been much less willing to take a risk with

> but it would be disingenuous not to concede that by hiring from the A-list, you're sending out messages about the kind of player you intend your com-





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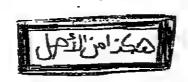
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out yet nore insulin.

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els, yourbody has become intent on saving fat. Losing weight is not a question of willpower. In of turning off the insulin sigot. The way to do that is though ketosis.

Beingh ketosis means that you're turning off your fat stores and using them as the source of fuel that they were meant tibe. When your body is releasing the carbon compounds alled ketones, that is chemica proof that you are consuming your own stored fat. Who a person on a sale low-carbhydrate diet is in the fat-dissolving state known a benign dietary ketosis" (BDK - there is confusion aming laymen between BDK an the ketosis of diabetic ketoaclosis, where the diabetic ha been consuming carbohyrates and has high blood suar).

Apart from burning off fat, one of the most attractive features of any low-carbohydrate. ketosis-producing diet is that it suppresses hunger and lowers the appetite. There have been many low-carbohydrate diets over the years.

But many of them do not bring carbohydrates down to a level (generally less than 40 grams a day) that will permit benign dietary ketosis. The Arkins programme does.

not have to be austere - you can en-joy a roast leg of lamb, lobster or even bacon and eggs in its most liberal. lifetime-maintenance form; the diet contains most vegetables, nuts and seeds, grains and starches, and some fruits. It also contains a sumptuous variety of delicious projein foods and some high-fat foods such as butter and cream.

That is because fat satiales the appente. Far stops the carbohydrate craving. And fat in the absence of carbohydrate, accelerates the burning of stored fat. Thus, the wise dieter can use fat to his or her advantage. Still, the Atkins diet is not a

high-lat diet, partly because some of the largest sources of fat in the modern diet are junk foods, which you are not allowed now. For even though this diet is about the benefits of fat and protein, it is important to emphasise that the real source of health improvement on this diet will come from excluding the typically gargantuan modern consumption of junk carbobydrates. On the Atkins diet, you may be eating a larger quantity of meat, fish, fowl, eggs and butter than you consumed previously, but you will probably be eating less far

The beauty of this diet is that you will succeed even though you may have always. heen hungry, tired, depressed and unsuccessful on other regimes. This diet banishes fatigue, irritability, poor concentration, insomnia and dizziness through lowering the amount of blood sugar and refined carbohydrates. The Atkins programme will keep you slim and healthy for a long life while you enjoy a var-fed, rich and salisfying diet.

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with a degree of diligence, will keep you slim for ever. Diet Four is the Maintenance Diet. The main purpose of the induction Diet is to correct an unbalanced metabolism. It will switch the body from a carbohydrate-burning metabo-lism to a fat-burning metabo-lism, stabilise blood sugar, halt hypoglycaemic symp-toms, stop cravings and break

addictive eating patterns. On the Induction Diet you can have no more than 20g of carbohydrate a day — ie, about 170g (60z) of salad vegetables, or 120g (40z) of salad and 130g (40z) of cooked vegetables in the less than 10 per cent carbohydrate category.

Using a carbohydrate gram counter, you could find other combinations totalling less than 20g of carbohydrate for example, nuts, seeds, olives, avocados, cheese, cream and soured cream.

The Induction Diet consists of pure proteins, pure fats (butter, olive oil and mayonnaise are permitted) and combinations of protein and fat. You should strive for the maximum amount of fat and the minimum of carbohydrate during this initial period.

So what can you eat freely

on the Induction Diet? To begin with, any meat, fish, shell-fish, fowl, egg dishes and alsprouts, artichoke hearts. most all cheese tall of the last have some carbohydrate con-

the leners -ose, such as maltose and fructose.

Common mistakes avoid: Note that the 14-day diet contains no fruit, bread, grains, starchy vegetables or dairy products other than cheese, cream or butter. Avoid diet products unless they specifically state "no carbohydrates". The word sugarless is not sufficient.

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bled or fried in butter with streaky or back bacon, hem, or sugarless sausage; smoked salmon or mixed amoked fish and 60g (2oz) of cream cheese;

Omelets 2 eggs, 11bsp whipping cream, 15g (4az) butter with Gruyen cheese and spinach/goat's cheese and chives, comed beef or pastro Pancake 40g (11/20z) soya floix, 3 eggs, 120ml (4fl ez) water, 1/2 trespoon sail, cooing oil. Liquidise, then heat a pan covered with oil: Cook 3thep of t a time. This will give you 6 servings for a carbohydrate gram count of each with 55ml (2az) soured cream. Lines 2



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eggs. Baic pancake recipe (see above). se saack 110g (4oz) cream cheese, 2 eggs (separated). ratent of sugar substitute; heat oven to 180C/350F/ Gas May 4 or equivalent, cream cheese with yolks, add sugar substitute. best egiwhite until stiff, fold into mixture, drop teespoonfuls on to grissed baking sheet. Sake for 10 minutes. Makes 18 snecks of

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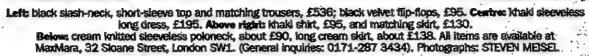
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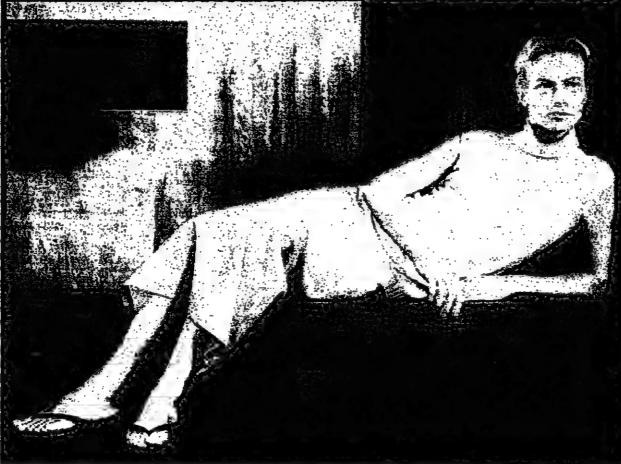
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The pictures worth millions in









BAGS have become the grown-up woman's version of the comic annual: the new versions every six months. This winter. Fendi

reached the top of the waiting list, scrap it. The Baguette has been ousted by the Fendi Croissant, a half-moon-shaped variation that cups daintily under the arm.

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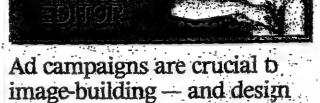
the late 1980s, her mission was to strip the company's products of its tainted logo. She deleted 10,000 lines, and Tom Ford. her successor, continued the good fight. At the time this was considered brave to

the point of insanity. Yet Gucci has been one of the hottest labels of the 1990s.

turn to the basics it once shunned. Enter The Jacqueline, from £250, spattered with the GG logo and embellished with those red and green stripes that once caused Dawn Mello to shudder. Even stranger, it

James Laver, the fashion historian, once wrote that it took three decades for a discarded trend to get back on the road to fashion rehabilitation. At the end of the second millennium, however, it takes roughly eight years.





houses are prepared to pay

y the time that they have been beamed around the world, the combined cost of the pictures you see on these pages will run to several million pounds. That's because they are previews from the companies whose beautiful. unsensationalist clothes - the land most women aspire to require, ironically, careful framing if they are to compete with the more outre designs that will be aiming to scorch an indelible impression on the

the coming months.
Advertising shoots have always been famous for their lavish expenditure. They have NE AS MUCH DI terest as they are nowadays.

collective consciousness over

It took a team of 18 to realise the MaxiMara pictures shown here, including Carolyn Mur-phy, the model, the photographer Steven Meisel, and his four assistants, the hairdresser's assistants and the ironer -roughly three times as many as the average magazine would provide. And whereas editorial (even for a glossy front cover) gets away with pay-ing photographers and models around £200 a day, someone in Meisel's orbit would expect unwards of £30,000. (History, alas, does not record what the ironer is paid.) Flying everyone first-class is now de rigueur, and it is hardly surprising that these epic productions hurn

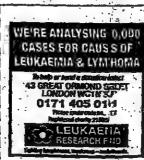
through a company's profite." But a good deal of agonising will have gone into more than just the money for these photographs: ad campaigns are the stugle most crucial tool in 4 company's image-building tparticularly in the case of Burberrys, which is at the "sensitive, second season" stage of

become as much a pat of fashion iconography as the picthe top glossies.

it was not always thus. There was a time who the consumers of advertising were considered to be less visually sophisticated than the kind of readers who flick through fashion magazines - eve though the images frequentl sat side by side. Not surprisigly, pho-tographers, stylists no mod-els would do advertising strictfor the (substantal) fees. But now; as Giorgio Juidotti. the creative director of Max-Mara, says: "The polic is so visually aware that none can afford to put out subtandard images. Especially then they billboards from Sunet Boulevard to Laforet is Tokyo. There's so much infrmation: even in a tiny villag in Italy you can have acces to the latest catwalk directors via the internet.

"So whereas we use always to worry about frightning off the consumer, and ivariably found ourselves holding back, now we definitely see ourselves competing win editorial in terms of trying to push boundaries a little bi

hat there is auge ku-dos attachecto working on the sig campaigns reveas a great deal about the fluidit that exists between commercial and "artistic" projects. Asmy rate, among fashion affionados, speculation each seaon to see who has done the new Gucci (Mario Testino) or Calvin Klein (Testino agan) cam-paigns certainly rivas (if not entirely eclipses) and interest in the next Turner Prie recipient. Testino, who shothe Bur-berrys pictures of Silia Tennant shown here, sas this is indicative of the way fabion attitudes have changed. "There



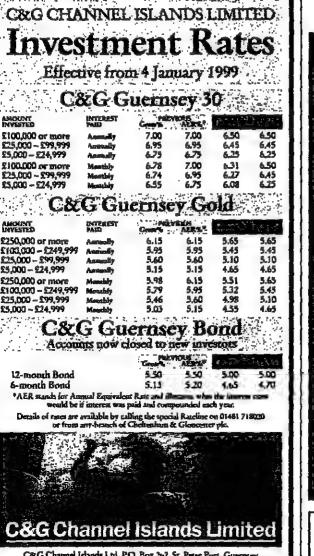




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tashion cognoscenti have this year's model. Well aware of this, the large fash-ion houses are rolling out clawed back its credibility with the tiny cashmere Ba-guette. But if your name has finally

Next up for consideration is Gucci's Jacqueline, another semicircular reticule that comes in two sizes and will hit the stores this month. It marks a return to Gue-ci's flashier, mono-grammed past. When Dawn Mello took over as the head of design in

The company now feels sufficiently secure in its hard-won mantle of chic to re-

looks very good.



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below cream trench coat, £615, above the knee check skirt, £155, cream stretch knitted top, £150, and leather lace-up shoes, £325. All items are available from Burberrys, 18-22 Haymarket, London SW1 (0171-930 3343). Photographs: MARIO TESTINO



have always been great advertising concepts." he says. Guy Bordin shot fantastic pictures for Charles Jourdan. Helmut Newton and Richard Avedon also produced some of their greatest work for ads, but they

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with Burberrys. When Rose-

Tennant were collaborating

view early samples.

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what is essentially an entirely new collection.

"Obviously when you approach a campaign, you choose the people whose work you most admire," says Bravo.

"but it would be distincted." player you intend your com-

pany to be."

bers, the fashion director of British Vogue. "But now they do it for the challenge and the excitement - and they're proud of them, whereas previously they would keep quiet about them. Maybe there is more integrity involved, or perhaps the campaigns pay so well that photographers can

afford to be selective. "Either way, the A-list only does jobs that will stretch them creatively. They see no distinction between advertising work and their editorial, because even though their names do not appear on the advertising, everyone in the business knows who's shot what. If anything, photographers and models actually work harder on the ads because they are being paid astronomi-

cal amounts. With editorial, they earn so little that some of them adopt the attitude that the magazine is lucky to have them at all.

"Certainly, when it comes to exhibitions and coffee table tomes, Mario Testino is happy to display his advertising work alongside his editorial— not surprisingly, given that many people credit the highly glamorised, sexually charged campaigns he shot for Gucci as being a key factor in the phenomenal turnaround of the company's image in the

e also notes that "the big thing that happened to fashion this decade is that commercial stopped being a dirty word. In fact, magazines became much more commercial than they had ever been before, so the moral line between editorial and advertis-

ing blurred anyway.

Everyone's realised that there's nothing wrong with selling stuff, and people have realised that if they want to be totally pure, they should be working in an art gallery, not fashion."

If the top photographers are now accorded an unprecedented amount of freedom in the way that they choose to shoot a campaign, they are still required to provide the client with detailed storyboards and Polaroid photographs before they shoot the real thing. If this approach makes new Labour's pager-obsession look

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lax, the point is that advertising campaigns offer clients perhaps their best opportunity of the season to get their mission

"At Burberrys, because we are trying to revolutionise the merchandise, we have very specific things to say," says Rosemary Bravo. "We have to explain to the customer that the ethos is British, buit not

staid, cross-generational but modern, as well as focus people on the fabrics." This is the company that in-

vented gabardine; after all. You might get great pictures in a newspaper or magazine that cost you nothing," continues Bravo. "On the other hand, they might have to drop the picture of your jumper at the last minute because anoth-

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Describe your style. Currently, dark pinstripe jackets with a white T-shirt, navy trousers, glitter cardigans and skirts from "dressing-up box shops".

What do you think of the current fashion trends? I like skinny, sweeping trou-

sers and Vovage's turquoise. sparkly. leopardvoré dress-

es. And I love next spring's coral and agua colours.

What period in fashion do

you love? The Thirties and Forties — Marlene Dietrich and Carole Lombard. I love the blonde hair, the trousers, the inquiring eyebrows.

When do you go shopping? When it all gets too much.

What are your pet hates in the world of fashion? It is unnecessary to criticise anyone, however annoying

sages you see as important."

possible to quantify the impact

of a campaign in terms of

sales, but agree that a good

one does get customers into

the stores. Given that Max-

Mara has 800 of the latter, and

a turnover of \$1 billion to main-

All parties admit that it is im-

their stuff is, if they are trying to be creative.

What is the most expensive/ luxurious item you have ever bought? My horse, Flash, redeemed by the grazing package of £8 a week, but that doesn't in-

> What accessory can you not live without? My Mont

Blanc pen. If there was

a fire, I'd be sad if I couldn't find Cracky the dog. Where do you like to shop?

love Peter Jones because it is so calm, and the razzmatazz of Westbourne Grove. 1 also like any shop that sells old clothes and handbags.

What piece of dothing/accessory would you most like to receive as a gift? Little dangly aquamarine earrings from Dinny Hall.

What is your style motto? If in any doubt, buy both.

tain, it's not difficult to see why er story came up. Either way the stakes are so high. you could never guarantee that they'll get across the mes-

No wonder that there was a studious air of concentration on Steven Meisel's set during his three-day MaxMara extravaganza. As Giorgio Gui-dotti says: "You can rehearse all you like, but even £30,000 a day doesn't always ensure that

the model won't miss her

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tended to be exceptions. Nowadays, most of the

leading fashion houses realise that a very striking campaign works on two levels - it makes an impact on the public and creates heat within the in-"If a staid company sudden-

ly starts using an avant-garde photographer, that instantly makes people in the business talk and, because this morning's insider gossip is this afternoon's MTV headline, ultimately that sense of curiosity works its way through to the

This was certainly the case

mary Bravo flew Concorde into London this year from a high-powered job at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, in order to rescue the company from Burberry-check hell, what kept the story alive in the critical luli between her muchheralded arrival and the first batch of clothes bearing the new, sleek imprint - at least as far as the industry's opinion leaders were concerned - was the news that Mario Testino, Fabien Baron (the muchlauded art director of Harpers Bazaar magazine) and Stella

This information encouraged the kind of people who previously would not have crossed the street to check the label out to jet into London to

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plete with the perfect slimmeddown trench, spot-on pleated skirts and updated cashmere pieces - Joseph in London had placed orders, as had Bergdorf Goodman and Barneys in New York (three stores that, in the past, would have been as likely to stock Burberrys on their rails as they would be to drape George at Asda across their windows). Clearly this would never have happened if the somewhat staid. tourist-fodder Burberrys clothes had not been transformed into a sharp, focused collection of must-haves, but equally there's no doubt that without a strong campaign retailers would have been much less willing to take a risk with

> but it would be disingenuous not to concede that by hiring from the A-list, you're sending out messages about the kind of

Photographers are no less proud of their advertising work than are their clients. Six years ago I was always hearing from photographers and models that they were doing what they called money jobs." says Lucinda Cham-





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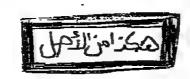
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or the third time the South Bank Centre has got it wrong. The latest plans have been described as visionary. But once again the prospect of large sums of cash, whether from the lottery or property development, has destructively distorted what remains an essential mission: humanising the concrete wilderness of the

nation's No I arts centre. Last year the £150 million Richard Rogers scheme for the South Bank crashed because the Arts Council could not find the money for the proposals of its own former deputy chairman. Over the years that the scheme was under discussion, repeated calls had been made for the South Bank to slim it down, or bring it forward in

> •The centre needs this plan like a hole in the head?

phases, but the centre's management would not listen.

It is time for a little history. The original Terry Farrell masterplan was costed at just £15 million, and achieved what was needed on a self-financing basis. It demolished the hated overhead walkways and brought the place alive with shops, bars and restaurants. For just £5 million (included in the price) the great engineer Peter Rice was going to cast a stretch fabric roof over these 1960s concert halls and gallerles, bringing the roof terraces into use - part indoors, part outdoors.

Things went wrong when, in the giddy property market of the Eighties, this grew (under the developer Stuart Lipton) into a £100 million scheme that crashed with the recession. "I began with a light touch and a low budget, and ended up doing a Broadgate," says Farrell wistfully.

Then came the Rogers scheme. In his conception, the commercial elements were first removed and then brought back to provide revenue funding for the hugely increased running costs of much larger centre. The current scheme, by

Elliot Bernerd, the South Bank Centre's new chairman. has two plus points. First, he proposes to reopen the river promenade from County Hall to the National Theatre by unblocking the arches beneath Hungerford Railway Bridge and Waterloo Bridge. Secondly, he wants to introduce a popular element, with a much stronger cinema presence. This will consist of a multiscreen commercial cinema, a new National Library of Film and TV and a more prominent National Film Theatre moved up from below Waterloo

Film is one of the quiet successes of the South Bank.

MOMI (Museum of the Mo ing Image) now has 350,000 visitors a year and urgently needs more space. The British Film institute wants to move its whole operation to the South Bank, where its lotteryfunded IMAX cinema is nearing completion in the centre of Waterloo roundabout. (Let's leave aside the question of why public money is needed for an IMAX, when there is a commercially funded one in the Trocadero.)

Bernerd offers two options for his "cine city": either to build on the so-called Hungerford car park site next to Jubilee Gardens, or to demolish the Hayward, the Purcell Room and the Queen Elizabeth Hall, unblocking what he calls "a concrete plug" in the

place, Bernerd offers two new concert halls and a new gallery on the Hungerford car park site. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, has added his support to this idea. "Goodness. London has not had a new concert hall for more than a decade." he says.

Yet can anyone seriously justify the demolition of expensive arts facilities that are just 30 years old? If lottery millions were not available, no one would even be thinking of it. The South Bank says glibly: "We have a huge affection for the buildings." But the spokesman adds airily: "New building materials and construction techniques may well make it cheaper to build new concert halls and galleries."

Ballet as their career goal

And in Jiri Kylián's full-length

One of a Kind it is possible to

see just how far this marriage of classical training and mod-

em dance idioms has been

pushed. Kylian long ago

moved beyond the surging flow of movement that so dis-

ing about such extravagance is that, according to the South Bank, the Arts Council lottery fund has "earmarked £25 million for us" — in the form of a nod and a wink at a press conference, no less. Add to this the millionaire publisher Paul Hamiyn's generous offer of ET7 million and it is clear that the South Bank management thinks that well over £40 million is already in the kitty.

any people hate the exposed con-South Bank's buildings. But now Brutalism, like much 1960s design, is in fashion. The Twentieth Century Society and Modernists will ight hard for these buildings.

for its acoustic, and is the preferred venue for a whole range of chamber orchestras. The Hayward Gallery is enjoying a renaissance under its new director, and has always been an exciting exhibition space for designers willing to work hard on the installations.

The South Bank also glosses over the potential controversy of building on the Hungerford car park. Locals feel strongly that it should be incorporated into Jubilee Gardens as green space. "Improving the quality of open space will be a key pri ority," says the South Bank, dodging the question of whether it will be grass or paving.

The other big change is that the massive Shell Centre,

which for years has been so

from Waterioo station, is now available for public use. Mark Moody-Stuart, Shell's chairman, says: "Our current plans are to create a mixture of retail, residential and leisure. uses which could include a fitness centre and cinemas."

Cinemas? If Shell is providing cinemas, why does Bernerd have to demolish the Hayward or blot out the Hungerford site to offer the same thing? Perhaps the BFI might even find a cubbyhole in the 26 storeys of the Shell Centre.

According to Shell's own company history, its mighty 1950s headquarters came with a general store and a shooting range ... leisure and health facilities for staff - reception rooms large and

is a particular delight). Of the

two casts I saw in La Bay-adère, it is Isabelle Guerin's

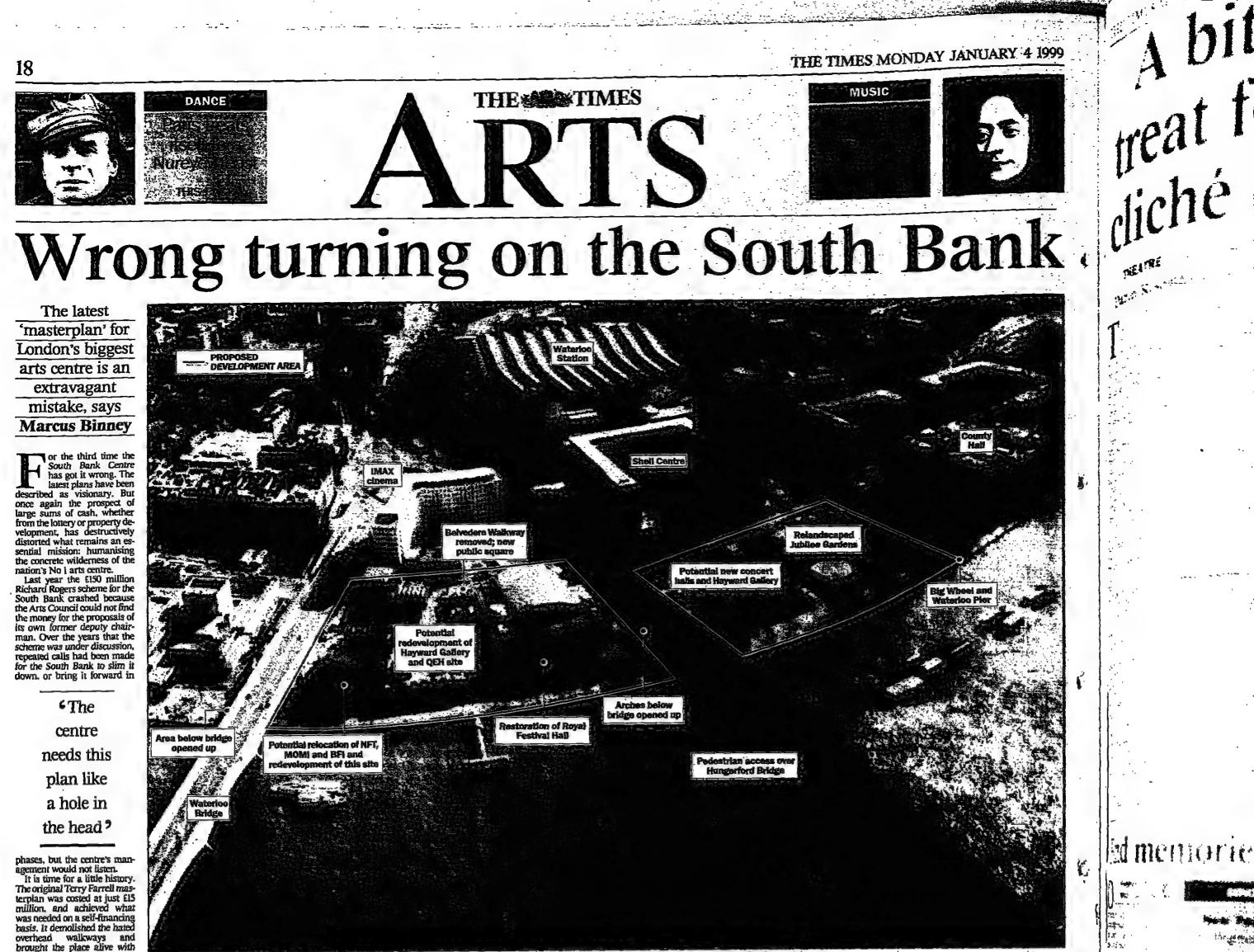
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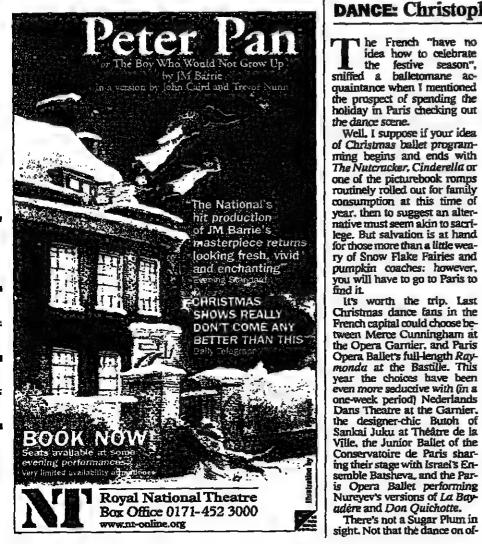
tre and a cinema, a gymnasium, squash courts, a sports hall and a swimming pool just short of Olympic size.

Deep underground was secure parking for 453 cars as well as office accommodation for 5,000 people. Part of the Shell Centre is already being marketed as apartments, but a vast quantity of space remains which could rapidly be

brought into use. The South Bank is about to set off on yet another "masterplan". It needs one like a hole in the head. Farrell's original plan, combined with a policy of "make do and mend", would achieve far more, far more quickly, and substantially climinate the need for lot-



DANCE: Christopher Bowen finds plenty of festive treats in Paris, even if they don't come in the usual wrapping



Anyone for sugar plum? Non!

sniffed a balletomane acquaintance when I mentioned the prospect of spending the fer isn't festive. Indeed, apart from the exotic glories of La Bayadère and the garlicin-fused festa that is Don Quiholiday in Paris checking out the dance scene. Well. I suppose if your idea chotte (but more of them lat-er), the Junior Ballet produced of Christmas ballet program-

ming begins and ends with The Nutcracker, Cinderella or one of the picturebook romps routinely rolled out for family consumption at this time of year, then to suggest an alter-native must seem akin to sacri-lege. But salvation is at hand for those more than a little weary of Snow Flake Fairies and pumpkin coaches: however. you will have to go to Paris to find it. It's worth the trip. Last

Christmas dance tans in the French capital could choose between Merce Cunningham at the Opera Garnier, and Paris Opera Baller's full-length Ray-monda at the Bastille. This year the choices have been even more seductive with (in a one-week period) Nederlands Dans Theatre at the Garnier. the designer-chic Butch of Sankai Juku at Théâtre de la Ville, the Junior Ballet of the Conservatoire de Paris sharing their stage with Israel's En-semble Batsheva, and the Paris Opera Ballet performing Nureyev's versions of La Bayadère and Don Quichotte. There's not a Sugar Plum in

tinguished his early Romantic works like Sinfonietta; today his ballets are darker, the vocabulary more fractured. In many of his recent pieces Kylian has given the impresa programme that positively sion of a restless soul in search of something. In One of a Kind I think he may have radiated good cheer. Most of this, it has to be said, was generated by the found it. Set to live and recorddancers themselves rather ed music by Brett Dean (which than the choreography. But samples a clutch of composers, Britten and Cage among them) and placed within a se-ries of beautiful structures by these young dancers are exceptional technicians, and the way they collectively submerge themselves in the styles the Japanese architect Atsushi of disparate choreographers is Kitagawara, One of a Kind-showcases the individuality of impressive indeed. They look

especially good in extracts from Ohad Nabarin's Part, Dance and Zachacha t is a piece packed with suroerb examples of athletic Kyliánesque virtuosity and exquisite doublework which they performed alongside Naharin's own "junior" Batsheva Ensemble - ripping through rubbery, loosethrough rubbery, loose-limbed step combinations (these dancers appear to play each other like musical instruwith undisguised glee. No doubt many of these apments), but there is a purity here that sets the piece apart. This is dance stripped to the prentice dancers would look towards Nederlands Dans Theabone, clean and clear and tre, rather than Paris Opera.

NUT remarkable dancers

Not that laying on the orna-mentation with a trowel is a bad thing. Look at Nureyev's productions of Don Quichotte and La Bayadère for Paris Opera Ballet. The richness of these stagings is remarkable to behold, whether in the de-

tavern crowds in Cervantes's boisterous tale, or the breath-taking sumptuousness of Ezio Frigerio and Franca Squarciapino's designs for La Bay-adère. Underpinning it all as one would expect from this company - is dancing to die for with a sensitivity to every nuance of style few ballet ensembles can match; in the old Don's vision scene, the Dryads dance with majestic splendour, while the Opera Ballet's 32 Bayadères unfold their fa-mously sustained arabesques into a snaking line of shimmer-

Nor are the characters in these ballets merely ciphers for the dance, at the heart of Don Quichotte, Kitri and Basilio are brought vividly to life by Agnès Letestu and José Martinez, their deliciously long limbs carving up the air as they flirt and fight like any passionate Latin couple (Letes-

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technique with the effortless poetry of their dancing, though Elizabeth Maurin and Kader Belarbi make a beautifully romantic couple. tu's tomboyish interpretation

The French don't know how to celebrate the festive season? The sight of Laurent Hilaire reclining atop a Rococo elephant in La Bayadère is surely festive enough for most folks.

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THEATRE: Glaswegian Liz Lochhead talks to

Daniel Rosenthal about her hit play *Perfect Days*

wo of 1998's most memorable fictional female characters had much in common: both single, successful career women with disastrous love lives, both deafened by the ticking of their biological clocks. On Channel 4, Ally McBeal's legal progress in Boston was disturbed by her hallucinatory dancing baby. The Edinburgh Fringe offered Barbs Marshall, celebrity hairdresser heroine of Liz Lochhead's play Perfect Days, who takes a more active approach to maternity, with a spot of DIY artificial insemination.

That bloody Ally McBeal started just when I handed in the first draft of Perfect Days." says Lochhead. Her fear that McBeal might somehow have stolen Barbs's thunder by the time the play opened at the Traverse last August proved groundless. The lawyer's selfabsorption made her a figure women love to hate, while critics and audiences were delighted and moved by Barbs's bid for motherhood.

Having reinforced Loch-head's reputation as one of Scotland's most popular playwright/poets, the Traverse production is being revived at the Hampstead Theatre in London this week. Siobhan Redmond, for whom the lead role was written, again plays Barbs, the star of TV's Morningtime Makeover, who, at 39, is suddenly "ravenous" for a baby. Far removed from the verse and stylised pageantry of Lochhead's best-known play, Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off,

Perfect Days is more sitcom than Gothic horror. She calls it "a sad farce".

"I really wanted to write about what it's like for a worn-an to hit 40 — though because I'm slow this didn't occur to me until I was about to hit 50," she says. "Maternity separates the girls from the women, If you are single, solvent and childless in your late thirties, you're still a bit of a kid.

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"Despite being a feminist, and believing in equality for men and women, I'm interested as a writer in how the sexes differ. Maternity is, of course, the biggest difference of all." Married to a Glasgow architect since her late thirties, Lochhead has no children, and insists that Perfect Days carries no hint of autobiographical regret. "I don't share Barbs's obsession. Not having children is not one of the big sadnesses of my life — though it might be-come one when I in 70 and nobody likes me."

Set in Barbs's Glasgow flat, Perfect Days unfolds as she meets her best friend, her mother, her new lover, her ex-

husband and, most importantdan: loyal, gay and an eager semen donor. The bridges be-tween scenes are filled with snatches of songs by artists like Dusty Springfield and Dr Hook: the lyrics are as cliched as could be, and Lochhead uses them unashamedly to reflect Barbs's mood. "I've never been afraid of clichés, because they deal with powerful, universal questions. Cliché snobs won't like this play, but feet

Lochhead's private passion for old, romantic tunes equals Barbs's; playwright and character also share outsize personalities. Lochhead is gloriously talkative (she apologises for "blathering on") and, like Barts, laughs frequently at her own expense. Her ear for dialogue makes Perfect Days vibrate with the rhythms of contemporary Glaswegian speech, and she roots the characters in the city she has called home as art student, secondary school art teacher and, for the past 20 years, professional poet and dramatist.

After a year in which Ken Loach's My Name is Joe. the BBC's Looking After Jo-Jo and re-runs of Taggart have reinforced Glasgow's screen image as a haven for thugs and addicts, Lochhead refreshingly delivers a tale in which the only violence is emotional and the only drug on display is a precoltal joint.

"I may have been unconsciously reacting against all those gritty dramas," she says. "Why should there be only one kind of Glasgow story? I like



the city's brash, entrepreneurial side and Barbs represents that." The contrast between Glasgow's hard-bitten reputation and Perfect Days' comparatively soft centre is beautifully picked out by the mock-gangland name of Barbs's hair salon: Razor City.

There is further irony in the play's burgeoning popularity. Lochhead only had Scottish audiences in her sights and thought the play "wouldn't travel", yet Perfect Days is on course for greater international exposure than any of her previous work. Hector Babenco, director of Kiss of the Spider Woman, is preparing to stage it in Brazil, and there are plans for productions in Finland. Israel and Germany. Lochhead loves the idea of translators adding local colour to the script to make Barbs a resident of Rio, Tel Aviv or Mu-

Barbs is also heading for cin-emas. Paul Webster, head of Channel Four Films, bought the screen rights after seeing Perfect Days in Edinburgh, and Lochhead was planning to deliver the first draft of her screenplay this week. She has felt "heartbroken" when other screen projects have fallen

through, but this one seems certain to be produced, probably with Redmond in the lead. The financial rewards of all

this seem not to bother her: "With no kids and a husband who earns his living. I don't need much money." In any case, the bulk of her earnings come not from theatre, but as "a performing poet and teacher" who travels around England and Scotland giving more than 100 readings a year (some of her finest poems feature Barbs-like voices musing on broken relationships).

Far more important than money has been the return of

the five years before Perfect Days, writing was always a struggie. I decided that because I was 50 I would give myself a treat: stop writing films that never happen, and spend a year on a play." That play, designed for one actress and one audience, has placed Lochhead on the verge of a commercial breakthrough. "It just shows," she says, "what can

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ver on television, there was Lorin Mazzel, dressed like the father of the bride, escorting the Vienna Philharmonic through the traditional New Year's Day concert. At the Festival Hall, a bick-up band shared the stage with dancers in period costumes, twirling to Strauss family Iollipops. But here at the Wigmore Hall, we had something special: the Johann Strauss Ensemble of Austria, 16-strong, conducted from the violin by a two-

"Born in Tokyo in 1996," the programme note read, "Joji Hattori is now in the forefront of the young generation of Japanese musicians." Ah, those Japanese prodigies! It was a misprint of course; though at 29. Hattori, who was raised in Vienna, still has youthful ebullience in spades. During the interval he took off his waistcoat, leaving extra room round the chest and armpits for wav-

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clarity: thunder and lightning erupting on drum roll and cymbal, cuckwind. (The players hall from the

The repertoire had its novelties, too. With its peasant swirl and compa-pa accompaniment, Strauss senior's Suspension Bridge Waltz was a useful reminder of the waltz's rustic roots. Josef Strauss, Strauss Jr's younger brother, was showcased with Frauenherz, a tender waltz that lay upon the ears like a cat curled on your lap. The one jarring item was Waltz for Camille, commissioned from Rob Lane, and inspired by the life of sculotress Camille Claudel. Who wants to start the year listening to anguish in three-quarter time?

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This was the third of six Birthday Odes that Purcell wrote for Queen Mary between 1689 and 1694. Each one celebrates yet another new year of her reign, in florid and obsequious imagery of spring and of dawn, of hovering Cupids and ringing Spheres with music to match.

casting. There is an invigorating sense of continuum in concerts in which the seemingly eternal artistry of James Bowman ballasts the bright vouthfulness of a singer like the soprano Carolyn Sampson.

Bowman duetted in subtly matched

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hymn the love between "Three happy Kingdoms", before Sampson's soprano incarnated the brightness of the gods' blessing on fair Albion. Robert King goes at Purcell with a will: his own harpsichord and a pair of oboes had lustily imitated the trumpets' robust opening to the Ode, and his company of singers. had dropped musical echoes like depth charges as they followed in

In the first half of the evening, the trumpets of Crispian Steele-Perkins and David Blackadder had led the way in the more stately ceremonial of the 1693 Ode, Celebrate the Festi-val. And when Sampson begged them to cease they refused, silenced only by the repeated imprecations of

The enduring richness and flexibility of Bowman's counter-tenor created a warm wave of phrasing as April clapped her sable wing. Harvey's bass set up the heroic battle cry; and the haunting high tenor of Rogers Covey-Crump re-established peace over a sweet trio of recorders and viola supported by murmuring theorbo and chamber organ.

The Consort's instrumental palette was best displayed in the theatre music by Purcell that introduced each Ode: first a playfully insistent ground-bass Curtain Tune to Timon of Athens, and later a suite from Dioclesian, its pungent harmonies drawn out by deft bowing, and the adrenalin surging in every upbeat.

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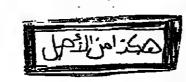
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Coward, back in the midday sun

The Master's voice still has a unique

relevance, says Derwent May

ome years ago, my wife and I were at Covent Garden when we no-ticed Noël Coward in the Crush Bar. We were watching Joan Sutherland in La Fille du Regiment, where, in fine swashbuckling style, she was singing Marie, the camp-folalone" (Even that, note, is an lower who turns out to be the daughter of a great lady.

After the interval we saw Coward again, sitting alone in the row ahead of us. By now Marie was singing a song in her mother's drawing room. Her suspicious chaperone little fish can swim: asked her what she was singing. "Cest un petit chan-

land shot back.

thrown down to him in the

stalls by one of his best friends
— and one of the rare divas

who would have

been prepared to

This year will be the centenary of

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will see many reviv-

als of his plays and

shows, notably on

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dio, and we shall

have a chance to

judge how many of

them still work.

son de Noël Coward." Suther-

Most of the audience probably did not notice, and of those who did, most must have been and any little cow moo -puzzled. But those who had spotted Coward greatly saall but just love you. this compliment

Here the litary of carefree animal behaviour goes on getting more absurdly lewd from verse to verse.

It is in the

petits chansons that his genius lives

Bernard Shaw considered Coward his equal as a round it; he could hardly write playwright, and some critics regard his plays as the best light comedies of the century. But for me Joan Sutherland got it right. It is those petits chansons of his that live. He wrote them all his life,

starting as a child. He said that the false rhyme of "Little Tommy Tucker/ Sings for his supper" rasped his sensibilities when he was still in infants' school. He poured songs out for his Cochrane revues, his musicals, his wartime tours to the Forces abroad and the last brilliant If his love songs made him phase in his career when he was doing cabaret at the Café

de Paris in the Fifties. Many of them were too slight to survive - but some are lyrical or comic masterpieces. The earliest to make a mark were his prewar love songs. such as The Party's Over Now. Like many of his love songs it is full of a strange, teasing ambiguity:

The party's over now. The dawn is drawing nigh. The candles gutter, The starlight leaves the sky. It's time for little boys and

To hurry home to bed. For there's a new day waiting just ahead.

Is it sad that the party's over? Or was there something faintly wrong about it all? Is it bad or good news that there's a new day waiting just ahead? There is a hint here of the same tender moralising that we find in another famous Thirties song of his, Poor Little Rich Girl, with its witty, admonitory half-rhyme in its last line: "Poor little rich girl don't drop a stitch too soon."

As for the more personal

love songs that he went on writing all his life, they can be full of haunting intertwinings of happiness and bleakness. I travel alone boasts that "No remembered love can ever find me", and that "there's one illusion left to me, and that's the happiness I've known

But some of the love songs are also among his most comic highlighting his griefs by setting them against other considerations — such as Any

Any little dog and any little

Can do a bit of this and then a bit of that, Any little horse can neigh, But I can't do anything at

How far these songs can work their magic when sung by other people is another thing we shall presuma-bly find out next year. Coward felt his way into them completely from the inside, usually starting with a line of melody and let-ting the words shape themselves

or read music. And his singing wonderfully drags out or hastens out the rhythm for evocative or funny effect, hinting all the time at what is left

Above all, of course, there was that strange voice of his, coming far from the back of his throat, as though he was letting us in on some secret buried deep in his heart, but combined with rolling "r"s that gave you the option of thinking he was just a cheeky chappie. Teasing ambiguity

the match (and the friend) of Cole Porter, his witty songs of society made him the match (and the friend) of John Betjeman. And perhaps it is these ! really love best. He anticipated Dad's Army long before with his "Colonel Montmorency who/Was in Calcutta in '92" paving the way for Captain Mainwaring. Best of all is Coward's great comic vision of disaster, Bad times are just around the corner, with Britain in chaos and despair:

From Colwyn Bay to Kettering They're sobbing themselves

to sleep. The shrieks and wails In the Yorkshire Dales Have even depressed the

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Hurray-hurray-hurray! Suffering and dismay!

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and lonely night of the millenni-

um: Melinda Messenger (above

left)? Sam Fox? Or even Relatively

Posh Spice, for the more aspirant

trucker? Nope. The Princess Royal,

who once expressed regrets that she had not pursued a career as a lorry

driver. An imaginative choice, I

grant you, but perhaps a little more varied that opening village fêtes. A spoke at the Road Haulage

Association, which conducted a

nationwide poll, welcomes that

Peter Mandelson was doing nothing new — and his sacrifice leaves Blair exposed and vulnerable

hen Harold Wilson re-signed as Prime Minister. I was in Washington; when Peter Mandelson resigned from the Cabinet, I was in Paris. I seem to be cabinet, I was in Paris. I seem to be unlucky in missing these important events. Yet perhaps it is not such had luck. If I had had to write on the Mandelson resignation the next day, I might well have joined the grave moralists and shared their horror that a man could borrow money from a friend to buy a house. I am certainly no Mandy crony; I have only talked to him twice, once at a Ditchley conference and once at a

dinner party of Carla Powell's. Peter Mandelson remembers against me that I once compared him to Goebbels: I thought I had only compared him to Machiavelli. I was criticising him for the exaggerated Labour propaganda against Tory sleaze, much of which was trivia. I did not intend to imply that he was a Nazi, which plainly he is not, but that he was a ruthless propagandist, which he is. If I have been around on the day he fell, I might easily have written a solemn piece, arguing that those who live by the sword, die by the sword, and so on.

It was the memory of Burke and Disraeli which made me reconsider the position. I suppose one could call them the master spin-doctors of the 18th and 19th centuries. In 1768, Edmund Burke bought Gregories, a good house with 600 acres, near Beaconsfield. Some of the £20,000 cost was raised on mortgage; some was probably lent by his party leader, Lord Rockingham; £1.000 may have come from David Garrick; perhaps £6,000 came from Lord Verney, though Burke denied it; some probably came from speculating in East India Company stock. The financing of the purchase was something of a scandal.

The noble tradition of British risk-takers

Benjamin Disraeli bought his nearby estate of Hughenden in rather similar circumstances. Harold Macmillan told his biographer, George Hutchinson, the story in his racy style. "Shortly before Disraeli became leader of the party, the old Duke (of Portland)'s sons. Lord George Bentinck and Lord Henry Bentinck, came to him and said: 'Father, there is only one man who can lead the Tory party—and he is a fancy little Jew. 'Only a country gentleman can lead the Tory party.' said the Duke. We'll make him one, said the sons. Straightaway, they bought Hughenden for Disraeli." Leaving aside the 19th-century anti-Semitism, the story is still embarrass-

What was good enough for Burke and Disraeli, one might think would have been good enough for Mandel-son. And did not Winston Churchill himself have some help from his friends in the purchase of Chartwell? And why not? If one looks back on the great men of modern British history, only those, such as Peel and Gladstone, who were born rich - and not all of them - seemed to have avoided financial embarrassment. Walpole was corrupt; Chatham built houses on money borrowed from his in-laws; Pitt the Younger was always on the edge of insolvency: Fox was a gambler and a spendthrift; even Salisbury needed a £5,000 loan from

and Gurney crash; Lloyd George went through the Marconi scandal

and sold petrages.

No Walpole, no Chatham, no Burke, no Fox, no Pitt, no Disraeli, perhaps no Salisbury, no Lloyd George, no Churchill — that would have made quite a difference to British history. It would have meant no British Empire, and that we would probably have lost the Seven Years War to Louis XV, the Napoleon-

ic War to Napoleon, the First World War to Kaiser Wilhelm and the Second World War to Hitler. A careful examination of the finances of these historic statesmen shows a recklessness in each case which could have been as embarrassing as Peter Mandelson's, and in some cases. conduct far worse than that:

Modern British party politics were almost invented in the reign of Charles II by Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 1st Earl of Shafesbury. Dryden described him in the character of Achitophel, "A daring pilot in

his father in 1866 after the Overend extremity; Pleas'd with the danger when the waves went high, He sought the storms, but for a calm unfit, Would steer too nigh the sands to boat his wit."

The great politicians who changed the world have to be risk-takers; they often have a manic energy. They can be tempted to a lifestyle they cannot afford, just as great entrepreneurs take financial risks in building their business empire. So long as they behave legally, politicians should not be made to resign for buying houses they cannot afford or for borrowing

Tony Blair was wrong to request or accept Peter Mandelson's resignation. He did not allow enough for human nature. He was not loyal enough. That mistake may well destroy the Blair project. A year or two before he died, I remember lunching with Hugh Gaitskell, an earlier Labour leader who wanted to reform his party. He told me, almost with despair, that his reform would have been possible if only he had had the reliable support of a single senior colleague, be could not trust Harold Wilson, or George Brown, or any of the other Labour leaders of real weight. This terrible isolation has now descended on Tony Blair. Gordon Brown and John Prescott are conspiring against bim; Jack Straw is:

Tony Blair seems to have lost control of the Government; it even seems that he cannot get rid of Charles Whelan, though he cannot afford not to. Yet, it is almost certain that Mr Mandelson's resignation was not an unfortunate accident, but a deliberate assassination. Somebody gave the story of the Robinson loan to Paul Routledge; Paul is an excellent journalist, but he was not given the story because of that. He was given it story because of that. He was given it by somebody who wanted to destroy Mandelson and damage Blair, Paul will never reveal his source, but everyone knows he has excellent contacts in the Gordon Brown camp.

in some ways, Mr Mandelson was the ablest member of the Labour Cabinet: he was a major architect of new Labour. Without him, the project would never have had such an extraordinary triumph. He has left just at the point when the project is about to be tested by events and by the elections, Europe, Scotland. Wales and local government. Inside the Labour Party, the resistance to Blairism was already growing: it is still emotionally a party of the Left.

r Mandelson's resignation suggests that Mr Blair may be too weak to be a successful Prime Minister. Viscount Cranborne laid a trap for William Hague and Hague fired him. Gordon Brown (or his friends) laid a trap for Tony Blair, and Blair fired Mandelson, Hague knows how a leader has to behave if his authority is to survive a crisis; Tony Blair got first wrong. At the moment of decision, he filinched; that usually proves fatal. When King Charles I signed Strafford's death warrant, he was also signing his own. No Prime Minister can afford to butcher his an ally, but is also an obvious friends in order to appease his

Year of the constitution

Labour has not addressed the central dilemma of government, says Tim Hames

' ery few sale predictions can be made about politics in the 12 months ahead, but one of the better prospects is that the debate about the constitution will become more intense. Elections and their aftermath in Scotland and Wales, the formation (one hopes) of a viable devolved executive in Northern Ireland, the first stage of Lords reform, preparations for the introduction of the Human Rights Bill incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights, legislation for a mayor of London - all present an enormous agenda. And all that without the small matter of the euro. which will have constitutional consequences for us whether we participate or not. This avalanche of activity will be

opposed outright by the Conservative Party. The Tories have already accused Tony Blair of constitutional vandalism" and deployed the old dictum of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". More subtle members of the Shadow Cabinet have taken a different tack and argued instead for an "evolutionary, rather than revolutionary" approach to reform. These are positions with which the public may come to sympathise, particularly if the Scottish vote suggests that devolution is but a pitstop to an acrimonious divorce between England and Scot-

They are not, though, particularly persuasive. Labour inherited a constitution that was broken and did require fixing. During two decades of Tory rule the old order had been transformed by the Single European Act and the Maastricht treaty, and local government was marginalised by a Whitehall machine under the complete occupation of the Treasury. The same cult of centralisation had



snawned side-effects as diverse as renewed Scottish nationalism and a more radicalised judiciary. And, just at the moment when many thought that a confident, challenging second chamber was becoming more necessary, the House of Lords appeared more anachronistic than ever.

The Government was, therefore, right to recognise that constitutional renewal was a compelling priority. However, change through "evolutionary reform" is unlikely to be enough. As in biology, a new order is often achieved through quite sudden dis-tinctive bursts, usually brought on by some outside shock, before returning to a relatively settled situation.

That has been the story of the British constitution through the centuries. Several periods of upheaval -Magna Carta, the Reformation, the

thirsty sniffer dog.

talking to their Government to

devise ways to stop it," gurgles a

◆ FEBRUARY should see the

crowning of a new Princess of Wales. Mary Winbury, the BBC's head of public affairs, is to marry Taliesin Michael, Alun Michael's

boy, at Cardiff Castle, a week after

the February election to decide who is to be the First Minister of Wales. If Michael becomes King. Wales

Civil War, the Glorious Revolution. the Great Reform Bill of 1832 and the epic struggle between the Commons and the Lords that culminated with the Parliament Act of 1911 - were followed by calm.

Those who implemented change were invariably accused of operating without much thought for longerterm consequences. The accusations were almost always true - but the British tradition of ad hoc answers and muddling through becomes quite appealing when compared with the confinental tradition of constitutional reform through coup, revolt, revolution or conquest.

The most powerful charge against this Government is that is has never stated coherently what it considers to be the problems for which it is solutions. This is, in truth,

because an honest collection answers would not be especially attractive to many in the Cabinet. The real source of constitutional instability over the past 25 years has been a three-pronged process of centralisation: of power within Whitehall itself favouring the inner executive and not Cabinet, Parliament or citizen; of local political and financial autonomy being lost to Whitehall; and of vast portions of policy being removed from British institutions and handed to European bodies that

are inimical to our traditions. The Government is responding only partially to this need for change. The setting up of a Scottish partia-ment acknowledges the sense of alienation north of the border, but its limited tax-raising powers suggest decentralised administration, rather

than delegated authority. Present proposals also fail to appreciate that the residents of Birmingham. Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle feel at least as dominated and patronised by London as the Scots or Welsh. No constitutional solution can succeed if it fails to appreciate that decentralisation within England is an enormous part of the equation. Regional assemblies are not the answer.

The Government has rightly addressed Lords reform - but in a manner that implies that it is more worried about the numbers of toffs and Tories ensconced there than by the need for stronger checks and balances over the executive.

Lords reform has also proceeded apace with little linkage to the lamentable state of the Commons. The Human Rights Bill has been enacted without reference to the appointments system for senior judges, or, as the Hollmann case exposed; the need for formal rules governing their conduct. Not only has the Government failed to align an instinct for constitutional change at home with its European policy but it has adopted the incredible notion that there are no significant constitutional implications in the decision whether or not to join EMU.

The missing position in British politics is for a party willing to combine a serious commitment to substantial constitutional reform restoring checks and balances on the executive and substantial decentralisation within the whole country with an advanced scepticism about the entire direction of the European adventure. The Liberal Democrats' approach to constitutional change is not aimed at rebalancing the British tradition, but is instead an attempt to make it easier for the UK to integrate within the EU. The Labour Party seems unsure about which way it wants to travel and may end up emulating Paddy Ashdown's party.

in theory, the Tories, if they recaptured a sense of their own history and stopped worshipping at the altar of Treasury control, could seize the initiative. Unfortunately, one of the other safer predictions for 1999 is that they are most unlikely to

Could be Yule

AT LAST, one of Parliament's most dedicated bachelors is to throw away his little black book. I gather that the puppyish Charles Kennedy, darling of the nut-roast matrons of the Liberal Democrats, is to marry. And this time his number is certainly up: his intended works for Camelot, the lottery outfit. Sarah Gurling is a vivacious, and senior, toiler in the company's government relations department. Kennedy has been deploying his jowly charm and Highland ways on her for some time. The

cheery couple are a familiar sight in the Commons Strangers Bar. He is believed to have asked Sarah during a Christmas break at his croft in Fort William.

They expect to make a formal announcement later this year," confides a friend. But I am sure Charles will forgive my haste in breaking the good news. His triends say his intentions were clarified when he was best man for Malcom Bruce, his colleague, last May. "The look in his eye said 'It could be you'," recalls the friend.

Less romantic souls will also note that the union will assist Kennedy if he challenges for the party leadership. I have one reservation: will Charles have to declare an interest when he speaks on the lottery after the wedding?

•WHO is the female companion lorry drivers would most like to share their cab with on the long



all, she knows how to handle a truck A logical choice."

Scotched

COLOMBIAN drug smugglers have turned their hand to Scotch whisky. British Customs officers are advising the Colombian Government on how to stem the illegal spirits flooding into their country. It seems that moustachioed types do more than just shower these shores with white, powdery substances - while they are over here they pick up a few fine malts and iggle them back home. Such treats are in demand - 87 per cent of the whisky drunk in the

country is imported illegally, most of it Caledonian, in a black-market

trade that is worth £37 million a

year to my volatile friends. "We are

will see the emergence of a new dynasty able to rival the family of Fion Hague. The best of luck.

Pot luck A THESIS knocked off by a Khmer Rouge leader has been deleted by the Sorbonne. Khieu Samphan, one of Pol Por's former flunkies, who has defected to the Cambodian Government, undertook an economic PhD, which suggested emp-tying Cambodia's parasitical cities. at the Parisian grove in 1959. Now France has called for the country's war criminals to be tried, the Diary Towers archivist can find no trace of the work at the university.

●NEW YEAR may have been raucous, next year's could be more so. Sting, a singer, tells me: "I keep being offered gigs in ludicrous places. The locations are even more

site of Machu Picchu in Peru."

Banana split BILL CLINTON has swopped tigars for bananas. The President took time out from his domestic problems to engage Sir Leon Brittan in a fierce debate over fruit. The United States wants a punitive import tax on Europe's banan-

as and after failing to resolve the dispute, Sir Leon, the European Commissioner, expressed his frustration: "The only thing that makes



"Oh bad luck the darned

outlandish than the ancient holy this discussion almost tolerable is listening to you pronounce bononnas." I'm sure Clinton was equally delighted to gaze at Brittan.

> TWO unlikely bedfellows: Simon Wiesenthal and Quentin Crisp, who have both just turned 90. While dear old Simon attributes his longevity to hunting jackbooted sorts, Mr Crisp is more pragmatic: "I never, never work. Work does age you so." So I have been told.

Cast aside AFTER my disclosure that Christi-

na Odone fantasised about being stranded on a desert island with Peter Mandelson, I am not surprised about her maudlin taste in literature. The Roman Catholic writer, who has spurned the attentions of my friend John Humphrys. says her favourite book last year was Falling Slowly, by Anita Brookner: "A poignant study of wrong-headed romanticism and the loneliness it can induce. Brookner's melancholic heroines always. strike a chord." My advice? Give up on politicians and newscasters.

Blood money JOANNE GUEST, the untaxing

clothes horse, is trying to break into

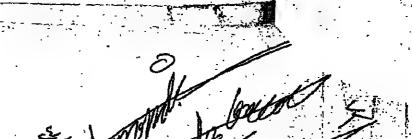


films, and needs your kind donations. Ms Guest (above with admirer) is feeling her age as a "glamour model" so has signed up to play the heroine in something called Suckered. a jolly vampire romp. Trouble is, the production company: Dead Red, is £6,000 short and is appeal-ing for dosh. My butler Owen-pleads: please give generously.

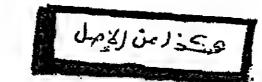
 A NEW fast-food joint is tenting for passing trude land Ron Davies; on Clapham Common. Its imiting "Chicken Cottage." Enjoy.

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PERILOUS PETITIONS

A time to save the grammar school, not sign it away

For many parents with a child at state school, this year promises unrest, instabilichildren are unique, with their own set of ty and dispute. The cause of this gloomy prophecy is the Government's policy to allow parents to petition, and then vote to abolish the 164 remaining grammar schools. Ignoring all arguments against what is a vindictive and damaging measure designed to set parent against parent, ministers have surrendered to old Labour dogma. The power to preserve these beacons of excellence now rests with parents themselves. Before they put their name to a petition calling for the end of selection in local schools, they should think hard about the consequences.

Kent County Council runs a fifth of the nation's grammar schools. As we report today, if Kent's parents vote to end selection, the council will need to restructure much of the county's education system. This could cost about £150 million; which the council will need to find itself: the Government has already said it will not be providing any extra money to cover the cost of grammar schools' abolition. Parents should ask themselves: would this money not be better spent on failing schools, on books, teachers and new equipment, rather than on destabilising thousands of children's education?

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The opponents of grammar schools claim that selection is unfair, and results in "educational apartheid". They argue that children who fail to get into a grammar school are consigned to "sink" schools, where they are deprived of the education they deserve and risk being labelled a failure, sapping their confidence. It would be fairer, according to these egalitarians, to treat every child the same, by giving them the same opportunities.

 Persuasive though this argument might be to some, it suffers from the fatal flaw of

skills, strengths and weaknesses. A fully comprehensive, monochrome system, that provides the same education for every child, cannot cater for the wide range of ability that exists. Diversity of talent should be reflected by diversity of provision. It is worth noting that 10 per cent fewer English and Welsh pupils gain five or more A-C grades in their GCSEs than do their counterparts in Northern Ireland. which has an almost fully selective system. Where teaching is matched to the abilities

of the children, all populs gain.

There are pockets of educational failure in England and Wales where the only choice is between underperforming schools. Yet parents should not be julled into blaming this on the existence of grammar schools: the culprits are more likely to be inadequate teachers and poor management. Instead of levelling down standards by smothering the pinnacles of achievement, they should be exhorting their councils to do more to raise standards in failing schools. Until this happens, the destruction of grammar schools will pose parents with bright children a stark choice: to risk the local comprehensive or opt out by sending their offspring to an independent schoool. Why should they suffer this

Left-wing ideologues might well rejoice at the abolition of grammar schools. But their actions will harm those whom they most claim to help, the children them-selves. Money will be wasted on reorganis-ing schools; parental choice will be restricted; children's education will be disrupted and their opportunities hindered, not widened. Parents should consider these consequences before signing any petition on a grammar school's future.

DEMOCRACY'S TYCOON

The Magellan of the Net exemplifies the Nineties

of discovery which inspired moderns which they, in the put on the Net for the Magellans in the third quarter of this use of their friends. century, the past decade has been dominated by the colonisation of cyberspace. The scientific creativity which once clustered. around the Nasa bases of America's South East has been eclipsed by the technological fecundity of California's Silicon Valley. And the pioneer who has helped millions to tatalogue as a company, charged for make the new world of the internet their advertising and became billionaires last own is a Stanford University dropout who year. Their success sets the tone for the next became a billionaire before he

was 30. Jerry Yang, the co-founder of Yahoo!, the Internet search engine, is democracy's tycoon. The Internet is, in essence, no more than another communications network, the lineal de-

scendant of Marconi, Bell and Logie Baird's brainchildren. Butits potential, to transform society and bewilder the beginner, is: altogether greater. A few key strokes allow any individual access to a greater library of THE CENTURY information than any scholar tion of this medium. But he is has hitherto dreamt of The sheer scale of also democracy's tycoon in another sense. the Internet makes it imperative to find a trusted guide through the electronic souk. Yahoo! provides that guide, acting as a

living gazetteer and endlessly renewable Yahoo! (which stands for Yet Another Hierarchical Officious Oracle) grew out of the leisurely exploration of the Net indulged in by Jerry Yang and his friend David Filo while they were both finding reasons not to work on their doctorates at Stanford University. Messrs Filo and Yang

If the charting of outer space was a voyage interesting sites on the Net in a catalogue

The quality of their directory was such that they were soon inundated by requests from individuals and companies who wished to be included. After harnessing the advice of business-literate friends, the two men dropped out of university, set up their

> economic revolution. Among the barriers dissolved by the internet are those to entry in the burgeoning markets of the future. Information has become the most important commodity traded worldwide. But in the welter of information available, the most valuable possession is a reputation for trustworthiness in the organisation and interpre-

tation of new material. Jerry Yang has become a tycoon through the democratisa-

The freedom of America, its willing embrace of the new and its distrust of closed hierarchies made Mr Yang's success possible. It is only when the free society and the free market are entwined, like the double helix of DNA, in intimate embrace that man's capacity to create and grow is greatest. That lesson, embedded in the story of Mr Yang's entrepreneurial success, should be at the forefront of every mind as we look back upon a century in which democracy has secured hard-fought pooled their knowledge of the most victories but has difficult battles yet to win.

COLLECTION DAYS

Help The Times to fill the bookshelves of our schools

To a child with few opportunities at home, what greater gift could there be than the chance to escape to a different world? A good education offers long term escape; a wonderful book affords instant flight to other times, places, people and plights. The beauty of The Times's Free Books for Schools scheme, launched today, is that, by . encouraging children to enter now into the joy of reading, it may help to produce a generation of more literate, better educated

young people in the future. The scale of this enterprise is immense. In cooperation with other titles owned by News International - The Sunday Times, The Sun and the News of the World - and Walker snackfoods, some one billion tokens will be issued between now and the end of March. If all were cashed in, schools around Britain would be able to order. between two and ten million free books. There are 150 titles to choose from, ranging from Judith Kerr's The Tiger Who Came to Tea to James Joyce's Dubliners.

Here is a chance for readers to make a real difference. Head teachers will encourage parents to collect and contribute. But even outside the narrow school community, there is ample goodwill to be tapped. As we report today, many City firms are already planning to collect tokens and

hand them on to nearby schools. No school can ever have enough books; and some have far too few. Years of financial stringency have taken their toll on school libraries. For children with book-new worlds to this generation of children lined walls at home, such deprivation can and their successors.

be offset. But for those who cannot slake their thirst to join the world of the imagination, this scheme offers a great new start.

Reading is an enthusiasm that can easily be instilled. The age of computers does not: as some pessimists insist, foretell the death of the book. Far from it. Whatever the achievements of Jerry Yang and his followers, the computer and the written word are not compentive (as books and television are) but complementary. Children cannot become truly computer-literate until they are truly literate. And even playing games on a laptop encourages the very habits of solitude, silence, concentration and sitting still that are part of curling up with a book

But who ever heard of curling up with a computer? The hardware is still toocumbersome, the screen too flickery, for reading at a computer to be a relaxing experience. Indeed most people, when they find a mass of information on the Internet. will print it out for ease of hand and eye. Publishers moved from scrolls to pages almost two thousand years ago: computers

have yet to match that convenience. So books have a long life left. And each one ordered for a school can enrich many individual human fives: Covered in stickybacked plastic, the corners of their pages dog-eared, today's books will remain in their libraries for a decade or two to come. Collect avidly, please - and help to bring

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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its independence

From Mr John S. Walker

Sir, After eight years as a salaried Crown Prosecution Service lawyer, I believe that your correspondents inday are unduly pessimistic (see also letters, December 8 and 17).

There is now no serious argument against a single independent national prosecuting authority, locally delivered. Essential to that independence is the independent-mindedness of the individual prosecutor. That quality is already exercised daily in the "wham-bam" (Mr B. H. Slater's words) of the magistrates' court and is also applied there to "fine points of law".

In my experience salaried prosecutors are not now swayed from that duty by performance targets or prospects of promotion and there is no reason to think they will be in the future. Respectful fear of the Judiciary will have a much more powerful effect

than any performance target.

Also essential to that independence is adequate resources, lack of which is the source of Mr John Snell's per-ceived "increasing sloppiness" in case preparation. (The independent barris-ter is no bulwark against that, merely

Obviously, looking at discontinuance, acquittal and conviction rates is one useful monitor of efficiency; but I can assure Professor Zander that I have never seen pressure of this kind used to affect individual case decisionmaking, nor should it be. If you use a plumber, whether self-employed or salaried, who always leaves the pipes leaking you think twice about continu-

A further essential, I suggest, is a mobile profession. (I have a philosophical bias against lifelong prosecutors.) More criminal advocates need to move from prosecuting to defending and vice versa, at all levels. Crown Court rights of audience are necessary for that, as are more flexible policies on recruitment and conditions of service. Mixing of experience can only improve both advocacy and Crown Court preparation.

Let us have both Crown Court rights and a vigorous independent profession!

Yours faithfully, J. S. WALKER, Shepherd's Pasture, 3 Chancery Close, Lincoln LN6 8SD. December 29.

From Mr Paul Randolph

Sir, Since gaining their independence in the early Nineties, the newly emerging Central and Eastern Euro-pean states have been steadily discarding their former Soviet-type laws and procedures and rebuilding new democratic legal infrastructures. In this process they have looked to the English legal system, which they hold in high esteem, for inspiration and guidance.

I am aware that lawyers throughout the Baltic States and Hungary. whether judges, attorneys or state prosecutors, all look in awe and admiration at the independence of the English Bar and a system which enables barristers to prosecute one day and defend the next. They are equally amazed that we appear to be moving towards a system which they have been striving ardently to relin-

Yours sincerely. PAUL RANDOLPH, (Chairman, British Estonian Latvian Lithuanian Law Association; Vice-Chairman, British Hungarian Law Association), New Court, Temple EC4Y 9BE. December 29.

Pig farmers' plight

Mr Paul Cross

Sir, I want to thank The Times for its support of the pig industry over the last six months. You have featured articles on the current plight of pig farmers and your leader on December 19, "Eat pig for Christmas", shows your increasing concern for this very hard-working group of people. There is no doubt that they are all suffering hadly at the moment.

When a break-even point of around 85p per kilo is needed and today prices are around 60p, a loss on a 100-bacon pig load would be £1,750. When we have seen prices of just 45p per kilo a couple of months ago whilst supermarkets were charging upwards of £1.80 per lb (approximately £3.90 per kilo) for English bacon, it sums up the unfairness of it all. Someone does seem to be making money out of this disaster.

British pig farmers have tried to take a decisive lead in improving the welfare of their stock but this, in turn, has only added to their production costs compared with overseas producers. If supermarkets say they would like to see more welfare-friendly systems, then they should start paying British pig farmers a premium, not forcing us out of business.

Yours faithfully, PAUL CROSS (Manager), Cotswold Research and Development Centre, Wye, Kent TN25 5DF. December 21

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CPS strength is in School holidays eat into term-time

The Reverend Andrew Bryant

Sir, How strange that a Government committed to promoting the strengths of family life should uree travel companies to issue warnings against parents taking their children on holiday during term-time (report, December 30). What evidence is there that one or two weeks out of school will damage their education? If the national curriculum cannot cope with a temporary absence, shouldn't a greater flexibility be built into the

When many families are spending less time together, the educational potential of simply learning to get on with one another on a shared holiday provides plenty of scope for personal and social development.

We have four children under ten, and financially could not take them away during the "peak" times of half-term and August. Most travel companies add excessive premiums then, thus discriminating against teachers as well as families.

Perhaps the School Standards Minister, Estelle Morris, could address this, rather than issue warnings in travel brochures or urge head teachers not to allow absences for a wholesome family break.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW BRYANT, 54 Fairholme Avenue, Romford, Essex RM2 5UX. andrew.bryant@btinternet.com

From Mr Desmond High

Sir, I put the children's (state) school dates on the calendar vesterday, and these more or less rule out the prospect of a two-week break at any time other than during the six-week summer period.

With a full week at half-term and the Easter break starting on Wednesday, March 30 (back on Monday, April 12), is it any wonder that some parents are removing their children during term-time? With fewer options for the timing of holidays, it is no surprise that it creates a vicious spiral in demand at key times — with price increases to match.

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Election turnout

Sir, Your report (December 29) that the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, has announced that there is to be a oweriwi body . to spearmead a drive to raise the low level of turnout in elections" reveals once again how out of touch many politicians are with

the attitudes of ordinary voters. There are two main reasons why so many people feel it is not worthwhile to vote. They believe, as Matthew Parris pointed out in his report of December 24, that politicians are all the same once they get into power; and they believe that there are too many elections.
Ron Davies, Geoffrey Robinson

and Peter Mandelson are certainly making a fine job of confirming voters in their beliefs about politicians. As for the number of elections, the addition to the list of various invitations to visit the polling stations for elections to the Scottish parliament, the Welsh assembly, regional assemblies (in all probability) and of a London mayor, as well as for several referendums, must serve to reduce the average turnout further. Moreover. the depersonalised, party-list form of PR will hardly add voter appeal to the elections to the European Parliament. Mr Straw's proposed powerful body will not overcome the conviction which many unfortunately hold that party politics is irrelevant and boring. His party is causing the yawns to become even longer.

Yours faithfully. RONALD FORREST (Chairman, South West Wales Area Delfryn, Castle Morris. Haverfordwest. Pembrokeshire SA62 5ER. December 29.

Peace in Cyprus

From Mr Osman Streater

Sir. At a seminar in Oxford last September on the exchange of populations between Greece and Turkey in 1923, representatives of both sides and particularly the Greeks present agreed that the exchange, by creating two essentially monoethnic, monocultural countries, promoted lasting stability in the region. So when you call, as you do in the

wake of the Cyprus \$300 missile fiasco (leading article, "Back from the brink". December 31), for a "statesmanlike response" from Turkey, you should be aware that your interpretation of statesmanship is in many ways alien to that part of the world.

It may be wildly politically incorrect in Western Europe, with its post-colo-nial guilt and its emphasis on integration. But at the other end of the Mediterranean, the cause of peace is best served by separating mutually hostile people — the situation which has obtained peacefully in Cyprus since 1974.

Yours faithfully, OSMAN STREATER, Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, WIY ZER. osmanstreater@hotmail.com December 31

Perhaps those who blame parents for their irresponsibility might first look at the alternatives for those on a R. K. Cooley limited budget, or who wish to enjoy a

relaxing break somewhere that is not Yours faithfully, DESMOND HIGH, 556 Loose Road. Loose, Maidstone. Kent MEI5 9UR.

desmondhigh@compuserve.com

From Mrs J. M. Williams

December 30.

Sir. Surely the simple answer is for schools to stagger the spring and

summer breaks? Why do they have to take two weeks at Easter, a week in May and between five and seven weeks in summer? Why not three weeks at Easter, two weeks in May, or even a week in June the old Lancashire mill-town holiday), staggering the summer break with perhaps a month in July for some schools, mid-July to mid-August for others?

Demand would even out for holiday companies, with less crowded beaches in August.

The downside would be no guarantee of child-free zones for those of us not saddled with school holidays.

Yours faithfully JOAN M. WILLIAMS, Bridge House, Goostrey, Cheshire CW4 8PZ. scoop2001@aol.com December 30.

From Mr Philip R. Matthews

Sir, Lower cost is not the only reason why parents take holidays during schooltime. Many big companies allow only a certain percentage of staff to take annual holidays during school holidays, especially the long summer break - which may leave staff who want to go away as a family no choice in the matter.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP R. MATTHEWS, 71 Shaftesbury Road, Wilton, Salisbury SP2 0DU. phil6061@aol.com December 30.

Church and community

From the Archdeacon of Lancaster

Sir, Dominic Kennedy's statement that at midnight on December 31, 1999, 100 churches will celebrate the millennium by ringing bells "paid for by the Millennium Commission" (report, December 30) tells only part of the story. The commission has indeed facilitat-

ed a welcome chance for many churches to restore their bells. But these projects would have been impossible without the dedication and enthusiasm of ringers and congregations. Most of them have been fostered by loyal bellringers over many years prior to the present grants and would not have been achieved, even supported by the grants, without the hard work locally.

I also take issue with Mr Kennedy's odd notion that somehow, by virtue of the millennium, "Churches will be restored to the heart of community tife". The report Still in the City, published ten years after the seminal Faith in the City report of 1985, shows that the Church is frequently among the very small number of agencies working with the inner-city communities. Similarly, the support given by rural churches to farmers in adversi-ty, for instance, and to village shops threatened with closure has shown these churches to be fundamental to the way of life of Britain's countryside.

Surely, the Church can rightly claim to be at the very heart of the community into the millennium and

Yours faithfully, ROBERT LADDS. Archdeacon of Lancaster, St Michael's House, Hall Lane, St Michael's-on-Wyre. Preston PR3 0TQ. December 30.

Services rendered

From Father Paul James

Sir, I have followed with fascination the correspondence concerning recompensing doctors who assist at medical crises on aircraft (letters. December 15 and 31). They are not the only professional group who are called upon in time of need.

Whilst I was on a flight to Jamaica a few years ago, a call for a member of the medical profession was met with no response. Some forty minutes later I received a discreet request for my attendance at the rear of the cabin to attend a passenger who had died during the flight. This was followed by nearly four hours of sitting with the deceased family until we landed and the authorities took over.

I notice that the Table of Parochial Fees, recently published by the Church Commissioners, covers funeral rites in churches, churchyards and crematoria, but has inexplicably omitted jumbo jets.

in secula seculorum, PAUL JAMES. 210 Markhouse Road, E17 8EP. frpauljames@compuserve.com January 2.

Sport letters, page 34

Baseball's first joyful steps

From Lieutenant-Colonel

Sir, Further to John Goodbody's report on baseball (December 26), my understanding is that A Little Pretty Pocket Book, published in London in 1744, contained the following verse, headed "Base-ball":

The ball once struck off. Away flies the boy. To the next destaned post.

And then home again with joy, The Boston publication Goodbody mentioned was Robin Carver's Book of Sports, which referred to the game as base, or goal ball. The first formal baseball rules were drawn up in 1845 by a surveyor, Alexander Cartwright. and drew heavily on Carver; a lot of the original code is still a part of

baseball law. Baseball was an amateur sport until the Cincinnati Reds turned professional in 1869. Their instant domination of the game led to the formation of the first professional league, the National Association, in 1871. It perished in 1875 in a welter of gambling, bribery, intimidation and corruption, to be followed by the present-day National and, in 1901, American leagues.

Yours faithfully, REG COOLEY. 50 School Lane, Fulford, York YOI0 4LS. December 27.

From Mr Guy Jackson

Sir In Northanger Abbey, chapter 1. Jane Austen describes Catherine Morland as preferring "base ball", cricket, etc. to books. It was written in 1797-98.

aithough not published until 1818. The author would not have referred to a sport unfamiliar to her readers so presumably it had been around for some time. Is this a coincidental linking of two different sports, or does it, more probably, indicate a direct connection between our earlier base hall and the later baseball?

Yours faithfully, GUY JACKSON, 4 Addison Crescent, W14 8JP. December 28.

Pleasing response

From Mrs Joy Breckwoldt

Sir. My advice to Mr Pat Buckley. who complains that his enjoyment of reading The Times is frustrating the is reuremen (letter, December 29), is to re-employ his teaching experience. If he timetables his day carefully, his ambitions to succeed in music, literature and art will fit neatly around longer than normal playtimes in which he can enjoy

all the pleasures of his newpaper.

Mrs Buckley's adjustment to his retirement may have to be more in the area of sharing those pleasures.

Yours faithfully, JOY BRECKWOLDT, The Vicarage, 30 Cross Street, Moulton, Northampton NN3 7RZ. peterbreckwoldt@compuserve.com

From Mrs S. R. B. Wood

Sir. I am a fellow-sufferer. My husband has also recently left his job. He had great intentions of how to occupy himself, such as becoming computerliterate, landscaping the garden, even building a barbecue. Unfortunately a major part of his day is spent doing the Times crossword. I am told that when working he used to complete it. When did he have the time?

For myself I have had to find other ways to occupy myself, such as how to get my hands on the paper. Yours faithfully,

CLARE WOOD, Brockfield Farmhouse, Warthill, York Y019 5XJ. clare.brockfield@btinternet.com January I.

Ex-celebs

From Mr C. Tudball Sir, I was going to put together a New Year's Deletion of Celebrity Status List of those who have ceased to be famous and whom we can forget as Mr Peter Harrand (letter, December

31) suggested. But, try as I may, I just

cannot seem to remember anyone

who is worthy of being included in it. Yours faithfully, CHRIS TUDBALL 28 Larchfield Wolston, Coventry CV8 3JL. ctudball@aol.com

January 1. From Mr M. S. Evans

Sir, Many years ago I attended a dinner in London which was addressed by A. P. Herbert. He described the great pleasure he derived from living in retirement by the Thames at Hammersmith, which included listening to the description of notable landmarks being broadcast from the pleasure boats which trav-

elled up and down the river. On one occasion he heard the broadcaster say: "On our right, ladies and gentlemen, is the home of Sir Alan Herbert, who used to be a famous man."

Yours faithfully, MARK EVANS, Manor House, Brompton by Sawdon. Scarborough YO13 9DJ.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE

January 3: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning. The Bishop of Durham preached

the Sermon. Her Majesty presented The

Queen's Gold Medal for Academic Excellence at King Edward VII High School. King's Lynn, to Miss Bridget Davies, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr Michael Walker, the Headmaster.

Birthdays today

Professor Victoria Bruce, psychologist, 46: Miss Grace Bumbry, opera and concert singer, 62: Mr Alexander Chancellor, journalist, Alexander Chancellor, journalist, 59; Mr Iain Cuthbertson, actor. 69; Sir William Deane, Governor-General of Australia. 68: Mr Alan Dyer, former Chief Constable, Bedfordshire, 65; Mr Guy Forget, tennis player, 34: Professor k.J. Hancock, economist, 64: Lieutenant-Commander Sir Ian Clark Hutchison. 96; Professor B. Josephson, FRS, physicist, 59: Air Viceson, FRS, physicist, 59: Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle, 56: Professor Marshal R.H. Kyle, 5th Professor L.E. Lanyon, Principal, Royal Veterinary College, 5t, the Hon-Diana Makgill, former civil serv-ant, 69; Miss Margaret Marshall, opera and concert singer, 50; Mr. Floyd Patterson, hover, 64; Mr. Floyd Patterson, boxer, 64; Mr Nicholas Payne, general director, English National Opera, 55; Baroness Pitkeathley, 59; the Earl of Ranfurty, 70; Mr T.J. Rix, publish er, 65; Sir Alan Thomas, civil servant, 56; Sir Colin Turner. former MP. 77.

Eprime Eshag

A memorial occasion to commemorate the life and work of Eprime rate the life and work of Epithte Eshag will be held in Wadham College, Oxford, on Saturday, January 23, 1999, starting in the Holywell Music Room at 2.30pm.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Stephen Mepham. Priest in-Charge, Turnford CD (St Albans): to be Vicar, Rickman (same diocese). The Rev Iain Morrison, Vicas

Jarvis Brook (Chichester): to be Rector. Hastings St Clement and All Saints (same diocese). The Rev Robert Myers, Assistant Curate. Addiscombe St Mary Magdalene (Southwark): to be Curate (to be known as Associate Vicar), Tolworth St George (same

The Rev John Neal, Priest-in-Charge, Eltham St John the Baptist (Southwark): has been appointed Vicar, same benefice. The Rev Wendy Patchell, Assistant Curate, Ashton on Mersey (Chester): to be Team Vicar, Hernel Hempstead (St Albans).

Lord Hunt, KG

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Lord Hunt, KG, will be held at 11.00am on January 26, 1999, in St George's Chapel Windsor Castle. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets in writing to: The Chapter Clerk, The Chapter Office. The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Windsor, Berk-

Nature notes

With the weather continuing mild, greenfunches are starting to make their wheezing spring note in the trectops. The males sit on high branches, showing off their green bodies and gold wing-bars, then by off with looping hight and a rattling twitter. House

sparrows are not so common as they used to be, but there are still many noisy flocks chattering in the depths of

thick garden bushes, and some will soon begin nesting if the cold holds off. As in most mild winters, a few chiffchaffs have stayed here while the rest have gone to the Mediterraneam they are conspicuous in the bare

hedges in their ofive green plumage, and draw attention to themselves by their repeated, insistent "hweet" calls. Blackbirds are feeding among the dead, damp leaves; in their black or brown plumage, they would often escape notice without

the explosions of leaves as they jerk them up with their beaks to find insects snails. Chickweed is still in bloom: its white flowers

close as rain approaches, and open when it has passed. Large broken fronds of male fern are still green in roadside ditches, and on the banks of streams some delicate fronds of lady fera linger on. DJM





School news

The Arts Educational School,

Tring Park
The Spring Term begins today at
The Arts Educational School, Tring Park. The Chamber Choir will be performing Love in the Air at St John's Smith Square on February 10. The Drama Show is March 10-12 and the Dance show will be March 19-25. Term ends on

Chetham's School of Music Term starts today at Chetham's School of Music From January 8 to 10, 12 ensembles from Cheth-am's will take part in Haydn Fest 1999 at the Royal Northern College of Music. On February 10, Cheth-am's Symphony Orchestra will perform in Manchester Cathedral, in aid of The Leprosy Mission. The orchestra will play at the Hall for Cornwall, Truro on February 14. In the Bridgewater Hall, Manches ter, on Sunday, March 21, the school will perform a concert featuring works by Walton, includ-ing Henry V, narrated by David Threlfall. Founder's Day is on Saturday, March 27.

Northbourne Park Preparatory School, Kent

The Spring Term begins today. Northbourne children will leave for their homestay visit to Bourgen-Bresse on February 4 as part of the French Exchange programme. Year 8 will host a dinner party for their parents on February II. Mr Kari Whittick will be holding a presentation evening for parents on the Sport and Leadership programme on Friday, March 12. Our 'Explorers' Club for able and talented youngsters will meet this term on a Tuesday evening and children from local schools are welcome to apply. Please contact Steve Punton on 01304 611215 for further details. The term will finish after the school concert on Saturday, March 20.

University news

Manchester

Appointments to chairs Promotional Chair of Infectious

Ruth Christine Matthews, MSc, Ruth Christine Matthews, MSC, MD, PhD(London), FRCPath, at present Reader in Medical Microbiology at this University, as Professor of Infectious Diseases (in the Medical School) from November 1 1000 ber 1, 1998.

Promotional Chair of Molecular Medicine Marcia Graciela Castro, MSc. PhD (National University of Argentina), at present Senior Lecturer in

Medicine in this University, as Professor of Molecular Medicine (in the Medical School) from November 1, 1998. Chair of Formal Methods Andrei Voroakov, Dip, Kandidat (Novosibirsk State University), at

present Docent at Uppsala University, as Professor of Formal Methods (in Department of Computer ods (in Department of Science) from Jaouary 1, 1999.

Director of the Merlin/VLBI National Facility in the Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratories

(NRAL)
Philip John Diamond, BSc
(Leeds), DpAdvStudSc, PhD(Manchester), at present Deputy Assistant Director for VLAVIBA Deparant Director for VLAVIBA Neglecotions and Computing at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Socorro, New Mexico, as Director of the Merlin/VLBI National Facil-ty in the NRAL of the Department of Physics and Astronomy from February 1, 1999, and, concurrently, as Honorary Reader in the Department of Physics and Astron-

Change of atles Professor G.J. Brooke as Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and

Exegesis from October 16, 1998 (in lieu of his present title of Professor of Biblical Studies).

Professor D.R. Tomlinson as Dushan Dvornik Professor of Neuropharmacology throughout the tenure of his appointment

1999), in lieu of his present title of Professor of Neuropharmacology. Grant of title Council has granted the title of Reader to Ms Caroline Glendin-ning, Senior Research Fellow in the National Primary Care Research and Development Centre, for so long as she continues to hold

her present appointment. Арроіна

Honorary Professors
Dr Nicholas C. Jones as Honorary Professor of Cancer Research from January 1, 1999, for so long as he portiones to hold appointment as Director of the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research.

Dr Ashley Arthur Woodcock as Honorary Professor of Respiratory Mediche (in the Medical School) from October 1, 1998, for three years in the first instance (in lieu of his current appointment as Honor-ary Clinical Senior Lecturer). Honorary Visiting Professor Dr Ronald Strathearn Smith Fraser as Honorary Visiting Professor in the School of Biological Sciences

from January 1, 1999, for three years in the first instance. vid Louis Booton, BSc (Bristol). ILM (Liverpool), Lecturer in Law from September 1, 1998 to July31, 2002

Ronald Paul Buckley, BA, PhD (Exert), Lecturer in Arabic in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies from September 1, 1998, to

Jesus College

College prizes have been awarded to the following students: R. Aled Davies Prize for Experimental Work in Engineering Science, Christopher Evans, Elin Orpwood-Price

Bahram Debqani-Tafti Travel Scholarship, Terence Benn J N L Baker Prize in Geography, Simon Joyce Bowers Award, Benjamin Klop-

sch, Andrew Tolley

Davies Prize, Hon-Wai Lam, Bern hard Fuida, Benjamin Preston First Year Law Prize, Mark Vinall Anthony Fletcher Awards for Lunovation, Bernhard Fulda, Gwawr Jones, Trudi McGuiness Genner Prize, Ian Controy

Green Studentships, Aubrey Cunnington, Charles, Willis-Owen, Matthew Weeks, Richard Blane, Christopher Bond, Braico Del Prese. Oliver Gadney, Adam E C Hart Prizes, Andrew Jones, Gwawr Jones Maddison Prize, Vidhya Alakeson Paget Awards, Simon Haydkn

D G Ritchie Prize in PPE; Timothy Johnson Stachulski Prize in Chemistry, Hon-Wai Lam Graham Ward Award, Timothy

(Pembroke). Marthew Weeks

Johnson Welson Prize, Awarded jointly to Terence Bennett and Leah Grif-ត្រូវវាន

Woodward Prizes in Chemistry Kate Frost, Paul Roberts Junior Vaughan Prine, Gares Smith (Mathematics)

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.H.St.C. Baddeley and Miss S.J. Truemar The engagement is announced between Shaun, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Baddeley, of Donhead St Andrew, Wiltshire,

and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Trueman, of Hampstead London. Mr D.J.M. Blizzard

and Miss J-A.C. Tweedie The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr John Blizzard and Mrs Janet Blizzard

both of the New Forest, and Jeannie-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Tweedie, of London 'SW6 Mr P.L. Burtt and Miss LA. Hall-Smith

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Burti, of Henley-on-Thames, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs-Jeremy Hail-Smith, of Milland, West

Mr J.P. Byrne and Miss A. Howlett The engagement is announced between Julien, son of Mr and Mrs Gregory Byrne, of Marbella, Spain, and Amonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alistair Crawford, of Hawkley, Hampshire. Mr C.R.D. Dennis

Mr C.K.D. Dennis
and Miss J.A. Longeroft
The engagement is amounced
between Christopher, only son of
the late Mr Carl Dennis and of Mrs Dennis; of Toronto, Canada, and Julies, only daughter of the late Mr James Longcroft and of Mrs Valerie Longcroft, of Gstaad,

Mr H.G. Eatock Taylor and Miss R.R. Osborne

The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Professor and Mrs Rodney Eatock Taylor, of Oxford, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Osborne, of Waterbeach, Cambridge, Mr M.J. Ellett and Miss E.S. Conyers

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Jack Elliff, of Carforth, Yorkshire, and Emma, only daughter of the late Mr D'Arcy Conyers and of Mrs Conyers, of

Mr P.J. Gray and Miss J.H. Alderson The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs THE RIGHT

John Gray, of Milton, Cambridge-shire, and Jennifer Hannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Alderson, of Fordham, Cambridge Mr A.J. Greenstock and Miss K.E. Gardner

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Greenstock, of Harrov on the Hill, Middlesex, and Kate. daughter of Mr and Mrs Chris Gardner, of Kingham, Oxford-

Mr E.A. Griffin and Miss E.J. Hulburd The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and

Mrs Richard Griffin, of St Didierau-Mont-d'Or, France, and Emma younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hulburd, of Wingham, Kent. Mr S.W. Highan

and Miss J.H. Lamb The engagement is announced between Stephen Walter, son of the late Commander W.E. Higham, RN. and of Mrs Higham, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Junet Hazel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Lamb, of Great Residence Comments. Bookham, Surrey.

Mr S. Ramasanty and Miss S.E. Mason The engagement is announced between Selvaraju, son of Mr and Mrs G. Ramasamy, of Dinas Powis, Wales, and Pusaczykowo, Poland, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Mason, of Hind-

head, Surrey. Mr T.M.S. Rowan

and Miss A.C. Wells
The engagement is announced
between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Rowan, of Harrogue, North Yorkshire, and Antonia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Wells, of Cuffley, Hertford-

and Miss L.M. Donaldson The engagement is announced between Miles, son of Peter and Jocelyn Sampson, of Pumey, London, and Lara, eldest daughter of David and Lois-May Donaldson, of Balerno, Edinburgh.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh 1625-56; Dublin, 1581; Jacob Grimm, philologist and folk-tale collector. Hanau, Germamik-tale collector, riaman, Germany, 1788; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the hlind; Coupyray, France, 1809; Sir Isaac Pilman, inventor of a shorthand system. Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1813; Augustus John, palnter, Terban, Benjiresheebiga 1878. by, Pembrokeshire, 1878.

DEATHS: Stephen Hales, dergyman, piomeer of plant physiology. Teddington. Middlesec, 1761: Joseph John Gurney, philanthro-pist and writer, 1847; Cornellus Vanderbilt, financier, New York. 1877; Charles Keene, arust, Hammersmith, 1891; Benito Goldos, novelist and dramatist, Madrid, 1920; Henri Bergson, philosopher,

Nobel laureate 1928, Paris, 1941; Albert Caraus, novelist, Nobel laurente 1957, Sens, France, 1960; T.S. Eliot. poet. Nobel laureate 1948 London, 1965 Donald Camp-bell, killed when his speedboat trashed on Coniston Water, Cum-bria, 1967; Joy Adamson, natural-ist and writer, Shaba Game Reserve, Kenya, 1980; Christopher Isherwood, novelist, California.

Fabian Society was founded, 1884. The first successful appendix opera-tion was, performed by Dr Wil-liams West Grand, in lowa, 1885. Chinese Communists captured Seoul during Korean War, 1951. Rose Heilbron became the first woman to sit as a judge at the Old Bailey, 1972

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BIRTHS

MASON - On 26th December 1998 in New York to Sophia (née Weston) and Charles, a beautiful daughter, Emily Georgia. SYMES - On December 31st at Queen Charlotte's, to Caroline (née Beaumont)

and Ben, a son, Harriso Jack Michael (Harry) s

Jack Michael (Harry) and Jack Michael (Harry) and a daughter Isabel Mary Endellion, a brother and sister for Arthur. VIA LIAMY - December 15th to Laurence - TV Producer and Madeleine Mitchell -

nist, a daughter, Zerlina Evelyn An WALKER - On 23rd December 1998 in Luxembourg, to Jessica (née Willink) and James, son, Nicholas John, a brother for Harry.

WATKINSON - On Christs Eve 1998 to Sarah (née Weymont) and Mark, a daughter Caroline Elizabeth Sheridan. A

DEATHS

ALIMAND-SMITH - On December 27th 1988 peacefully, Kathleen aged 24 years formerly of Over Stratton Somerset and Pythouse Winshire. The dearly losed wite of Lean Pythouse Wiltishire. The dearly loved wife of Leon Allmand-Smith, much loved mother of Peter, Wendy and Timothy and devoted Grannie to her nine grandchildren. Funeral service on Friday 8th January 1998 at Ct. Funeral service on Friday
8th January 1999 at Gt.
Warford Chapel.
Merrimans Lane at 2pm.
Family Rowers only,
donations if desired to
Save the Children Fund.
All donations and
enquiries to Albert R
Slack [Funeral Director]
Lid., 84, South Oak Lane,
Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9
5AT. Tel: Wilmslow (01625)
525063

BEDFORD - Stanley Charles. of Bourne End, Bucks, on 26th December 1992. Funeral Service 12.00 noon on Tuesday 12th January at the Chilterns Creme Leaf at the Chilterns
Crematorium, AmerikamFramily flowers only.
Donations if desired to
RNLI. C/o G. Smith
Funeral Director, The
Green, Wooburn Green,
Bucks HP 10 Tel: 01628

RURDASS - On Christma Day, Bruce Henry Oliver, father of Andy and Gina-cremation family only, no flowers, donations please Nowers, donations plea to the Kent Men of the

SURRELL - Susan, beloved wife of Denis and much loved mother of Richard and Charlie, passed away suddenly, but peacefully. at her mother's bouse in the Isle of Man on December 25th 1998. The Inneral service will be at St James Parish Church, Gerrards Cross on Treesday 5th January at 2.30pm. Flowers or if preferred, donations to the St John Ambulance Buckinghamshire, Nona-Centenary Appeal may be

CHURTON - Beatrice

O'CRUZ - Douglas Ceraid (formerly with Eastern Cas) died at bome in Harpenden. Funeral Service at West Hertfordshire Crematorium on Friday 8th January 1998 at 3.00pm. No flowers by request.

DELME-RADCLIFFE - On 25th December 1998, at Deddington. Peter Delme-Radcliffie, widower of Alathes. Age 89 years. Funeral service at Langish Church, near Peterfield on Tuesday, 12th January at 12 noon. Indiawed by interment in the

DURNY - Andrew Baxter
(Major Retired) died
suddenly at home on 29th
December 1993. Dearest
husband, companion and
friend of Edith and leving
father of Peter and Sabine,
Martin and Sarah. Funeral
service and internumt at St
Kentigern's Church,
irthington, Lumbrie on
Tuesday 5th January at
1pm. Family flowers only,
donations in lieu, if so
desired, to St Kentigern's

Centenary Appeal may be sent c/o H.C Grimstead, Funeral Directors, Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Rd. Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9EW.

CHURTON - Beatrice
Barbera on December
30th. Peacefully at home
aged 89 years. Wife of the
late Dick, very much loved
mother of Anthony,
Christopher, Robert and
their families. Funeral
Service 11.30am Friday
January 8th at St Peter's
Church Dalby North
Yorkshire, followed by
burial. Family flowers
only donations to Dalby
Church. Enquiries C Med6
Funeral Directors 01347
821370

DEATHS

HARRIS - David Percival. On New Year's Day peacefully are peacefully are peacefully are as a tension of Nan and father of Martin. Jon and William. Funeral Service on Thursday 7th January Langifer and Anthony William Funeral Services on Thursday Th January 1999 at 10.30am at 5t Mary's Church, Nether Alderley, Family flowers only please. All enquiries to Albert R Slack (Funera Director) Ltd., 84, South Oak Lane, Wilmalow. Cheshire SK9 6AT Tel: Wilmslow (01625) 525063. HOPKINSON - On 30th December in Sheffield, John Richard, beloved husband of Isabel, dear Lather of Christine and Rhona. Service at Si

12 noon, souther and the churchyard Family flowers only, donations for Fotherton House, c/o J & M Humphria, 32 Albert Street, Sanbury. OX16 8DG. Tel: 01295 285424

Rhona. Service at 51
Andrew's U.R. Church,
Sheffield on Friday 8th
January at 10.30am,
followed by cremation.
Enquiries to John Heath
and Son 01142 722222 HURPHRIES - Philip James
O.B.E on December 27th
1998 in Christ Church Ne
Zealand, Sam, beloved
husband of Jean, much

ioved father of Anne Todhunter and Josie Wilding, loving grandlather and great-grandlather. grandfather grandfather grandiather.

JACOBS - Dorothy (née
Partish) Peacafully at
home on December 27th
1998. Wife of the late Jack
Clifford Jacobs, and
beloved mother of Robert,
Rosemary and Phillip.
Funeral to be held at St.
Mary's Church, East
Molesey, Surrey on Friday,
January 8th at 9,30am. No
flowers by request.
Donations to Marie Curie
Cancer Care.

Cencer Care. KIDSON - Clare, peacefully at home after a long and brave fight against cance Much loved partner of Brian and sister of Nigel Much loved partner of Brian and sister of Nigel and their respective families. She will be greatly missed by all who knew har, both as a friend and through business. Funeral Service at All Seints Church, Lower Common South, Putney, London SW15 on Tuesday, Lanaury 12th 1999, at 2.30pm and afterwards at Mortlake Crematorium Townnead Rd, Richmond. Family flowers only please, Donation cheques should be in favour of Cancer Free 'IA Royal Free Hospital Cancer Charity'. C/o T.H. Sanders and Sons, FD's 447, Upper Richmond Rd West, East Shoen SW14 TPR.
MARSHALL Dr Robert aged 76 years, passed away

MARSHALL Dr Robert aged 76 years, passed away peacefully after a short illness on 20th December 1998. Much loved and missed by Stephen, John and family, Funeral to be held at Semington Crematorium, Wiltshire on Friday 8th January 1999 at 12.30 pm. Any enquiries, Tel: 01249 451 474.

LEATHER - Dot passed pescerally away at her home in Pound Close, Burwell on Saturday 2nd January 1899, aged 81 Jennifer and Anthony, mother-in-law to Penelop and Sandy and a much loved grandmother to loved grandmother to Jessica, Poppy, Nick and Andrew. Funeral service at the West Suffolk Crematorium on Wednesday 6th January of 9.00am. Family Flowers only, donations to "Life

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CCALLAGHAM - Kevin
Colman, priest of The
Society of Jesus (SI)
peacefully on 25th
December 1998 at
Nezareth House,
Hammersmith aged 83
years, Dearly loved
brother of Desmond and
son of the late Joseph and
Mary, Requiem Mass on
Thursday, 7th January
1999 at 10.33 am at
Westminster Cathedral.
Followed by interment in
Kensal Green Cemetery.
RIP.

ARICES - Beatrice Mary of Donhead St. Mary, widow of Brigadier Eric Parkes OBE late of the Royal Engineers and formerly of Enniscorthy County Wexford, died 22nd December 1998, aged 85 years. Funeral to be beld at Ardcolm Church, Castlebridge, County Wexford with a memoriz service to be beld at St Mary's Church Donhead, St Mary, on a date to be amounced.

PEARSON - On December
30th, Deborah Evelyn
Margarat Sheila (née
Vincent), Wife of Ronald
Joseph, mother of Edward
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WALKER - Betty (Rock). On 27th December, aged 83 years, after a short illness in the Horton Hospital. Benbury. The funeral service at Chipping Warden Parish Church of Feders, 8th January 81 YNOLDS - Millicent Alice EYROLDS - Millicent Anto-Bear", peacefully in Peterborough on 30th December aged 85. Dearly loved mother Teress and Peter and grandmother of Thomas and Vancess. Funeral service at Park Road Beatvice at Park Road Beatvice (Church, Friday, 8th January at 10.30cm. No flowers Funeral service at Fark
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RHAM - Winifred (late of Acton, Middlesex) passed away peacefully in Suffolk, on December 28th

Suffolk, on December 28th 1998.

SHARP - Joan (née Bylord) pencefully in hospital on 30th December 1998, beloved wife of David, mother of the late Rosalind, and Anthony. Private funeral (family flowers only), donations if desired to The Sharp Memorial Flower Fund, for The Vicarage, Bures, St Memorial Flower Fund, c/o The Vicarage, Bures, St Mary, Suffolk CO8 5AD. Memorial Service will be held in Bures Church on Friday 8th January at 2.30.

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SOUTHWELL - Daphne
Lewin, widow of Lt.
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Michael Southwell, R.N..
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Romie. On 27th
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TAITT - Bernard Hugh on December 25th peacefully at the Flowerdown Nursing Home.

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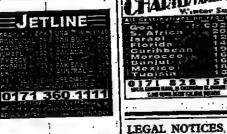
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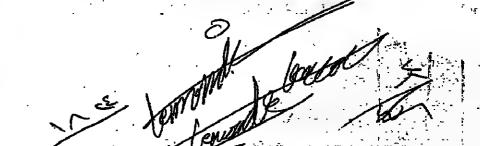
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THE RIGHT REV RONALD GOODCHILD

The Right Rev Ronald Goodeinid, Suffragan Bishop of Kensington, 1964-80, died on December 28 aged 89. He was born on October 17, 1910.

onnie Goodchild - that is how he was known throughout his ministry, bishop or not - was a master at ensuring that useful things happened, though always in a typically unobtru-sive Church of England manner. The variety of jobs he did, from school chaplain to suffragan bishop, gave full scope to his great pastoral gifts, which

he exercised untiringly.

Ronald Cedric Osbourne Goodchild was born in Australia, the son of a dergyman who had been a Bush Brother before marrying and who later became vicar of Turnham Green in West London; the family returned to England when Ronnie was six. From St John's School, Leatherhead, he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took a second in both parts of the History Tripos and later a third in

the risingy impossant later a fund in theology.

He then spent two years as an assistant master at Bickley Hall School in Kent before training for the ministry at Bishop's College, Cheshant. Ordained by Bishop Wimmington Ingram. he became a curate in 1935 at St Mary's, Ealing, thus gaining West London experience which was to prove useful in later years when he returned to the area as Suffragan Bishop of Kensington,

In 1937 he became chaplain at Oakham School, where he was a sympathetic figure, popular with the boys. He published Daily Prayer at Oakham School in 1938.

Much to his headmaster's displeasure, he volunteered for the RAF as a chaplain in 1942; his father was already serving. He flew on bombing raids, was twice mentioned in dispatch es, and on one occasion had to entertain Winston Churchill on his own for half an hour during an alert.

After D-Day he went to France with a wing of Typhoon fighters. He remained in the RAF until 1946, then spent a further three years in Germany as Warden of St Michael's House, Hamburg, involved in educational work with young Germans who had

grown up under Nazism. He enjoyed a natural rapport with young people, and he continued to a fine team of clergy. As ever keen on work with them on his return to youth work he formed Horsham Boys'



Goodchild: rapport with the young, whether as school chaplain or bishop

England in 1949, becoming Schools Secretary of the then thriving Student Christian Movement, a position be held until 1953; for the last two of those years he was also priest in charge of the City of London parish of St Helen's Bishopsgate with St Martin Outwich.

From 1953 to 1959 he was vicar of Horsham in Sussex, and from 1954 rural dean. He worked hard, building

Club, as well as a cricket team. He also proved an effective and innovative fundraiser.

At the invitation of Robert Stoplord, then Bishop of Peterborough, Good-child became Archdeacon of Northampun in 1959 and also rector of Ecton. He arranged for Ecton rectory to become the diocesan retreat house on his departure, was greatly committed to ecumenism, and worked all hours in the archdeaconry. Stopford

became Bishop of London in 1961, and three years later called Goodchild to be Suffragan Bishop of Kensington.

In West London the same pastoral ministry went on, allied to innovation, He had in the early 1950s become involved with the Parish and People movement, and retained a strong interest in developing new forms of worship and reviving parochial life. Now he was instrumental in initiatives such as the Heathrow airport chaplaincy. He also gave much valuable help to parish clergy.

His disarming manner was often evident. In Notting Hill, for instance, where the dergy were concerned to build good relationships between the black community and the police, he opened one meeting with prayer, saying that he was "first in to hat", a remark perhaps more redolent of Oakham than the Portobello Road but one likely to endear him all the same to any West Indian cricket lovers present. On another occasion, celebrating Communion in a parish church, he said to the congregation: "The Lord is here." Meeting with no congregational response, he turned to the server with the words. "He is here, isn't He?"

The offer of a diocese did not come his way. He served for 16 years in Kensington. During those years, the London diocese was moving towards a new system of organisation based on copal areas and synods, with Bishop Stopford's fand later Bishop Ellison's) full support. This came into being in 1979, Goodchild having played an enthusiastic part in the work of reorganisation. He was a willing participant in group work, collaborating with fellow London bishops much younger than he, until his retirement. Always strongly committed to Chris-tian social action, he served from 1964 to 1974 as chairman of the Christian Aid department of the British Council of Churches. He was a member of General Synod from 1974 to 1980.

He took to retirement well in 1980, free to follow his beloved cricket, and to indulge his passion for carpentry, always being a handyman. He and his wife Jean, whom he had married in 1947 and who was a rock of support all his life, moved to Welcome, near Bideford, in North Devon. From 1983 he served as an assistant bishop in the diocese of Exeter, enjoying helping out but thankful not to have to go to

He leaves his widow, four daughters and a son.

PROFESSOR PAUL HANCOCK

Paul Hancock, Professor of Neotectonics at the University of Bristol, died of cancer on December 9 aged 61. He was born on March 26, 1937.

PAUL HANCOCK was an international authority on active fault zones and the movements that result from earthquakes. He was an expert in archaeoseismology, the analysis of earth movements from evidence of damage to archaeological sizes, particularly in the classical world. He was on the staff of the Bristol geology department for 30 years.

Paul Lewis Hancock was educated at Sheen Grammar School, London, and Durham University, where he graduated with a first in geology in 1959. His doctoral research, on the structural geology of the Orielton anticline in Pembrokeshire, was also carried out at Durham, under the direction of Professor Martin Bott. and was completed in 1962.

Hancock then spent two years as a research fellow in Cambridge, before taking lecturing posts in Nottingham and at Strathclyde University. In 1968 he joined the geology department of Bristol University, where he was to remain and where, three years ago, he was appointed to a personal chair as Professor of Neo-ICHOTIES.

While structural geologists were focusing mainly on the complexities produced by the multiple folding of rocks, Han-cock embarked on an investigation of how rocks fracture under stress to produce faults and joints. When interest in faulting became much more widespread in the 1980s, he was already an acknowledged leader in the field. His re-search shifted from the study of ancient fault systems, mainly in South Wales, the Cotswolds and the Bristol district. to the investigation of active faults, particularly in the



Hancock: combined geology with archaeology

This allowed him to indulge his passion for fieldwork in areas where the detailed evidence in the rocks is less obscured by vegetation; in Greece, Turkey (Anatolia). Saudi Arabia and Spain, In collaboration with Terry Engelder of Pennsylvania State University, he developed ways of determining stress fields in the Earth's crust using the pattern of joints (cracks) in rocks. His research on the evolution of fault zones is widely applied in areas of the world where earthquakes are commonniao.

In the 1990s Hancock combined his interest in geological structures with his fascination for archaeology. He showed, for example, how the displacement of a Roman water channel and the Byzantine fort built over it reveals that two earthquakes, some 500-1,000 years apart, affected the an-cient city of Hierapolis in western Turkey.

But Hancock's contribution to geology went far beyond his own scientific work. He was an energetic and highly respected editor, and in 1978 founded the Journal of Structural Geology, now the lead-

ing journal for the subject. He was at various times a visiting professor in Argentina, Italy, Turkey, Germany, Canada and the United States.

He supervised some 20 research students, about half of them from the Middle East. but was perhaps more influen-20 years, as tutor to undergraduaies reading archaeology and geology at Bristol, His strong personality and inter-disciplinary background added cohesion to a degree school that combines teaching from the faculties of arts and science and attracts students from

widely different backgrounds. He was an academic of the old school, and his style was somewhat formal, but many students seemed to prefer it that way. As a teacher he was well-organised, committed and uncompromising in his mission to explain.

His first marriage, to Janet Fletcher, was dissolved ten years ago. In 1994 he married Anne Becher, with whom he shared an enthusiasm for the arts, travel and good company. He is survived by her and by the son and daughter of his first marriage.

DR HENRY COCKBURN

Dr Henry Cockburn, MC, former Medical Superintendent at St Mary's Hospital, London, died on December 4 aged 84. He was born on December 23, 1913

HENRY COCKBURN, known ... ny attached to 32nd Independas Cocky, was the last person: to hold the traditional post of. Medical Superintendent at a London teaching hospital: Such posts had been in existence since the 19th century and were usually given to bright young graduates, carefully selected by the consultant staff of the hospital, to be held for a few years on a small stipend while training for a chosen speciality. The duties were not arduous, and consisted principally of seeing that the beds. were occupied, supervising the ronduct of the resident medical staff and looking after the

health of the nursing staff. However, when Henry Cockburn was appointed to this post at St Mary's Hospital, Padding ton, as a returning ex-serviceman after the last war, he became indispensable. He kepi the post for nearly thirty years and became one of the most dominant and certainly most loved figures at St Mary's respected and admired by generations of medical students,

doctors and nurses. The son of a GP, Henry. Dundas Cockburn was born in Ealing, educated at Oundle and in 1931 won a scholarship to study medicine at St Mary's Hospital Medical School: For the next seven years he enjoyed life to the full as an undergraduate, excelling at all forms of sport. It was the time of the great St Mary's Hospital rugby team of the 1930s, and Cockburn held his position as scrum half, setting up a special partnership with T.A. Kemp, the England outside

Cockburn qualified in 1939. and after a year of resident hospital posts joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. He in December 1979.

spent most of the war in the In his early postwar years far East, initially command—he played rugby for Richmond and the Barbarians but then ent Infantry Brigade. In the

heavy fighting against the Japanese during the Bishen-pur and Imphal operations, his advance dressing station had to deal with the casualties of all three brigades involved. and part of the citation for his



Military Cross stated that "he organised and inspired search parties which succeeded in bringing in the wounded aithough the battle was still raging, and by getting the casualties under cover he saved many lives of the 200 wounded under his care. He continued with the Army throughout the Burma campaign, reaching the rank of lieutenant-colonel and being

twice mentioned in dispatches. The war over, he returned to St Mary's and was appointed assistant director of the student and staff health centre, which had just been started by his old friend and rugby colleague Dr T. A. Kemp. Within a few years he was also for postgraduates.

appointed Medical Superintendent, and he remained in that post until his retirement

> he settled down to a more sedate kind of rugby by forming a Schools XV made up of young medical students, with himself and Kemp as the oldies. Each week they had a fixture against well-known rugby schools in England, and while this helped to encourage rugby it also helped to recruit potential medical students for St Mary's. Although he had little time itial medical students for

for the vast increase in bureaucracy and committee work which came about during his time as Medical Superintendent. Cockfield's direct and honest approach with administrators earned their respect, and they frequently turned to him for advice. His concern and support for the junior medical staff were renowned, and many will recollect with gratitude the gentle advice offered in what could be frightening circumstances for a young newly qualified doctor.

He never married and in retirement went to live in an old comage in a remote part of the Welsh Borders. Here he lived happily for some 18 years, winning the affection and regard of the small village

community.

- He continued to visit London and participated in those activities at St Mary's that interested him such as the Postgraduate Association and the setting up of the medical school and hospital archives. He was also a regular supporter of the rugby club Easter tour of the West Country, and for many years organised the annual golf and cricket tour

Karl Denver, pop singer, died from a brain turnour on December 21 aged 67. He was born on : December 16, 1931.

BETWEEN the summer 1961 and spring of the following year, Karl Denver was rarely out of the pop charts. In the space of nine months he had four consecutive Top Ten hits in Britain, It is for the third of them, the maddeningly memorable Wimoweh, that he is likely to be remembered. The record entered the charts on January 25, 1962, and remained there for 17 weeks, reaching number four.

Denver said that the song had its origins in an African tribal chant he had heard during his days as a merchant seaman. But its catchily exotic refrain was already familiar to pop fans by the time he came to record it. A version by the American folk group the Weavers, key players in the 1950s revival of traditional music, had been adapted from a 1930s South African song called Mbube. Reworked under the title The Lion Sleeps Tonight, it became an international hit for the New York harmony group the Tokens in 1961, reaching number one in the US and number 11 in

Britain. The song would subsequently be recorded by Dave Newnan, who reached number 34 in the British charts with it in 1972, and by the vocal group number one hit in March 1982. But Denver was in many ways its ideal performer, and it his ideal song. Such success as he enjoyed was based on an improbably appealing musical cocktail of rhythm in blues; country ballads; exotic borrowings from Africa, Asia or the Middle East: and a yodelling

KARL DENVER



Karl Denver performing with his trio: his career peaked in the early 1960s

Glaswegian falsetto. Those ingredients were never as well combined as they were in Wimoweh.

He was born Angus McKenzie in Springburn, Glasgow, a few years earlier than he sometimes cared to admit. It is doubtful whether his early years were quite as colourful as his later accounts of them would suggest. Nevertheless, it seems reasonably certain that he left school at 14, joined the Merchant Navy and, with the exception of a period of service in The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the time of the Korean War. spent a decade or more 31 Sea. His voyages - to China, the Caribbean, South America and, especially, southern Africa - were to feed an eclectic taste for musical esoterica that was in many ways ahead of its

He was in his twenties when his own musical career began. He would recount how he had jumped ship in the United States and worked for a while in the clubs of America's country music capital. Nashville. Tennessee, before being deported as an illegal alien; such tales were well told, but received with some scepticism by his friends. What is beyond dispute is that by the late 1950s he was settled in Blackburn. Lancashire, and was performing under the name Karl

Denver. With his exuberant mixing of musical styles, and a voice that swooped up and down through several octaves, he

soon attracted attention. He secured a recording contract with the Decca label and had his first hit with Marcheta in June 1961: it spent 20 weeks in the charts and reached number eight. Its success was matched by that of Mexicali Rose, released in October, and

then surpassed, in January 1962, by Wimoweh. A fourth song, Never Goodbye, entered the charts in February and got to number nine, but Denver's career had already reached its peak. Over the course of the next two years he enjoyed rather more modest successes with a further seven records, among them A Little Love A Little Kiss, Indian Love Call and

Still The pop world of 1964 was

very different from that of just three years before, however, and to the increasingly important teenage audience Denver seemed old and his act oldfashioned. It was to be more than 25 years before h return to the charts.

Yet he declined to give up and was seldom out of work. With stalwart support from the guitarist Kevin Neill and the bass player Gerry Cottrell. he performed in cabaret, touring seaside towns in Britain and holiday resorts abroad. His personal life was dogged by misfortune at this time. A son was killed in a car accident in 1963, Denver himself having been seriously injured in another crash the year before. There were finan-cial worries, too, with the singer at one point declared bankrupt and, in September 1968, briefly committed to Strangeways prison, Manches-ter, for arrears of maintenance payments; he was freed when the members of his trio clubbed together to help him

Denver made an unlikely and unexpected return to the limelight at the end of his career. Despite performing in comparative obscurity for so long, he had acquired something of a cult following over the years. It led to his being invited in 1990 to collaborate with Manchester's Happy Mondays, the neo-psychedelic pranksters who were leading lights in the 1980s acid house boom. He entered with gusto into the slightly ironic spirit of the venture. The resulting record, Lazyitis — One Armed Boxer, went some way to-wards winning over the children of those teenagers who had turned their backs on him in 1964.

He was twice married and had several children.

ford, Devon, left estate valued at £11,863,795 net. Peter Johan Jansen, Group Chief Executive MB-Caradon. formerly MB Group, since 1989, of Weybridge, Surrey. left estate valued at £8.818.327

Joyce Eyre Lomas, of Bide-

Edward Stephen James Richard Hatter, of St Peter Port, Guernsey. Channel Islands. left estate valued at £6,675,014

Sir Robert James Clayton. technical director, General Electric Co: 1968-83; GEC Director 1978-83, of Stanmore, Middlesex, left estate valued

at £2,479,470 net_ Baroness Dora May van der Feltz. of Loughborough. Leicestershire, left estate valued at £240,711 net.

Lorna Kathleen Machell, of Pennybridge, Ulversion, Cumleft estate valued at £3,904,934 net. Harold Thomas Petric, of

Latest wills

She left £6,000 to the PCC of St. Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, Mary's Egion-cum-Newland, Devon, left estate valued at Mary's, Egion-cum-Newland,

Pennybridge. Norman Jackson, of Appleby. Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1,436,529 net.

Lawrence McLean, of Tenenhall, Wolverhampton, left estate valued at £1,470,556 net. Winifred Marshall, of Halifax. West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,115,071 net. She left £500 each to Halifax branch, RNLI, Carlton United Reformed Church, Halifax, the PCC of St Anne's in the Grove, Southowram, Halifax, and the Calderdale Society for Continuing Care. Norma Oplatek, of London

SW19, left estate valued at

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£1,082,817 net.

Eric Murray Prain, of London SW3, left estate valued at £1,096,702 net. He left £500 to the Sir Robert Speed Charitable Trust, and Clare College,

Cambridge. Elsie Winifred Pratt, of Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,520,124 net. She left \$5,000 to St Peter's Trust James Galloway Reeve, of

Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich. left estate valued at £1,001,098 net. He left (SOO) to Thorne St Andrews Parish Church. Norman Walker Scoular, of Chariton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,458,385 net. He left £5,000 each to Gloucestershire estate valued at £995,838 net

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County Association for the Blind, Salvation Army, Cotswold Group of Riding for the Disabled: Royal British Legion, St Johns Ambulance Brigade, Guide Dogs for the Blind, National Star Centre for Disabled Youth, RNLI, National Trust for Scotland, Marie Curie Foundation, National Council of YMCAs. Red Cross Society and Chehenham Animals Sheher, £2,000 to both the NSPCC and Stanton Guild House Violet Louisa Sparrow, of London SW20, left estate val-

ued at 11,164,183 net. Joyce Painter Whiting, of Dulwich, London SE21, left estate valued at £1,004,183 net. Stanley Reginald Woodland. retired civil servant, of Haslemere, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,113,112 net. Phyllis Mercy Woolgar, of

Hassocks, West Sussex, left

THE TRANSVAAL **CRISIS**

SERIOUS ACTION OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR

BERLIN, January 3, The defeat and surrender of Dr Jameson and the Chartered Company's forces have been hailed here with a shout of triumph and the Emperor's message of congratulation to President Kruper is a relatively moderate expression of the general enthusiasm prowoked by the victory of Germany's far-off kinstner. The Imperial Gazette publishes the

text of the Emperor's telegram as follows:-"I express to you my sincere congrabila-tions that without appealing to the help of friently Powers you and your people have succeeded in repelling with your own forces the armed bands which had broken into your country and in maintaining the interpendence of your country aginst foreign aggression."

This relegram must not, however, be taken as merely the expression of the Emperor's personal feeling. It was drawn up after a conference at the Chancelor's Palace . . . It assumes, therefore, the character of a State document of the highest importance, the more so as it contains an unqualified recognition of

ON THIS DAY

January 4, 1896 **经验的**

Dr Jameson's raid against the Boer overnment in the Transvaal on December 29 was a fiasco — a misplaced act of imperial folly, one in which The Times pizyed a devious role. The Emperor William's telegram had the dual purpose of humiliating Britain and of acquiring a

the independence of the South African Republic. Hitherto there had only been tentative efforts to explain away the restric-tions placed by the Convention of 1884 on the international status of the Republic and to impugn the British claim of surerainty. The Emperor's telegram decides the question summarily in the name of the German Empire. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Transvard Government already draws from such powerful encouragement the conclusion

that it can go a step further and denounce all

measure of popularity for him in Germany.

its existing treaties with Great Britain on the ground that they are de facto nullified by such an act of unnaralleled agression as that which has been carried out with her connivance, if not at her insugation and take this opportunity of placing its relations on a footing of equality which can never afterwards be challenged.

In official circles the promptitude and energy with which the Bruish Government and the High Commissioner disavowed Di Jameson's action and endeavoured to arrest his advance into Transvaal territory are no doubt recognized and appreciated. They are, of course, fully aware that instructions of the most categorical character had been despatched from London to the Cape some time before the German Government had taken any action in the matter. But unfortunately there has been little or no attempt to restrain public opinion by calling attention to that fact, and as a natural result the view almost universally taken is that Germany's intervention was mainly instrumental in compelling England to repudiate at the eleventh hour all responsibility for a criminal plot prematurely

As for Mr. Cecil Rhodes's complicity, nothing will shake people's belief in it here. The language which is applied to him almost defies reproduction . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS: THE STATE

Scots ready for polls

In four months' time, Scots will

go to the polls to change the way

the country has been run for 292

years. They still cannot believe it

Falklands ultimatum

Ernest Bevin, then the Labour

Foreign Secretary, formally

warned Argentina to keep its

hands off the Falkland Islands or

risk war with Britain, documents

released under the 50-year rule

The authorities in Sicily were

braced for a new Mafia war yes-

terday after five gangsters sip-

ping coffee at an underworld bar

mob vendetta slaying of its kind

Second Coming plot

Israeli police have arrested eight

members of an American Chris-

tian cult for allegedly plotting ex-

treme acts of violence in the hope

of bringing about the Second

Sharif escapes blast

Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani

Prime Minister, has narrowly es-

caped assassination. A bomb ex-

ploded under a bridge outside the

Punjabi capital, Lahore, shortly

before Mr Sharif and his family

were to have driven over it on

their way to his farmhouse at

nearby Raiwind......Page 13

Coming of Jesus.....

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were shot and killed in the worst

Mafia war looms

for a decade...

is happening.....

Confident market debut for euro The euro last night made a confident debut in overseas markets as trading in the single currency finally became a reality follow-

ing the completion of conversion weekend. Full-scale trading kicked off in Sydney, the first major currency market to re-open following the New Year's break, with the euro immediately making modest gains from last week's offi-

cial conversion price. Japanese traders also reported the euro gaining against the yen....Pages 1, 6, 7

Clinton paternity tested through DNA

The teenage son of an Arkansas prostitute is awaiting the results of a DNA test to determine if he was fathered by President Clinton, it was reported yesterday. The sensational new claim came as the Senate wrangled over how to proceed with a trial of Mr Clinton for high crimes and misdemeanours Page 1

School reform costly Education authorities could be forced to take more than half a billion pounds out of frontline teaching budgets to pay for transforming grammar schools into compre-

Two die in storms

Two people died as heavy rain, high seas and winds gusting at up to 75mph battered southern England, toppling trees and power lines and tearing boats from their moorings. Prolonged rain and gale-force winds are expected in northern England Page 1

Hostage reminder

A return rail ticket from Gatwick, trodden into the dust of a desert plateau, left a poignant reminder yesterday of the holidaymakers whose trip to Yemen ended in deadly confrontation......Page 3

Bombers identified

Police have identified half a dozen of those responsible for the Omagh bomb, the head of the RUC investigation has told The Times. At least one comes from the vicinity of the town. Detective Chief Superintendent Eric Anderson said...

Meningitis alert

Pupils at a school where two teenagers died of meningitis after attending a Chistmas party were yesterday called in to receive antibiotics to prevent the disease Page 5

Fame is not all it's cracked up to be

A group of docusoap stars are accusing television producers of wrecking their lives after experiencing instant fame. Keith Cooper, who was director of corporate affairs at the Royal Opera House when he featured in The House, claims to have been damaged by the way he was portrayed in the 1996 BBC2 fly-onthe-wall documentary...



Rate cuts: The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England meets this week to decide on whether to change British interest rates, which have tumbled during the autumn. The City, however, fears that the Bank may this month sit on its Page 48 hands Retail gloom: January sees the High Street retailers coming clean on what sort of Christmas they

first into the ring today and are likely to talk of "pretty tough" trading conditions.....Pages 45, 48 Taking control: GEC, the electronics company, has emerged as a front-runner to bid for the 51 per cent stake in the National Air Traffic Control Service, put up for sale

by the Government......Page 48

had. Goldsmiths, the jewellers, are

Slim forever: Tired of believing that successful dieting is all about willpower? The author Dr Robert C. Atkins has devised a revolutionary diet that allows you to eat the food you enjoy. In the first extract, he explains how it works..... Pages 14, 15

Crucial tool: Advertising shoots have always been famous for their lavish expenditure. They have not, however, always been anticipated with quite as much interest. Lisa Armstrong reports Pages 16 17

4, 31, 33, 38, 41, 46 Bonus: 22 One ticket holder scooped £9.3 million on Saturday night.

Football: Manchester United and Wrong move: The plan to humanise the concrete wilderness of the South Bank Centre, Britain's No 1 arts centre, is a mistake, says Marcus Binney Page 18 Dance in Paris: While London cele-

cracker and Cinderella, the French capital offers everything from designer Butoh to the Paris Opera Ballet dancing Don Q..... Page 18 Scottish import: The Glaswegian playwright Liz Lochhead talks about the success of her play Per-

brates the holiday season with Nut-

fect Days, now beading for London Holiday music: The Johann Strauss Ensemble of Austria celebrates the new year at the Wigmore Hall, while the King's Consort ushers in 1999 with Purcell....

TOMORROW)

IN THE TIMES

ARTS

IAW

Bar Council

Lesley Garrett on

why music in schools.

Frances Gibb meets

new chairman of the

Dan Brennan, the

is not a luxury but a vital

part of every child's life

Liverpool will meet in the fourth round of the FA Cup after winning their third-round matches yester-Pages 25, 27, 28, 29 Cricket: Shane Warne took a wicket in the first over of his long await-ed return to Test cricket, but it was his understudy, Smart MacGill, who bowled Australia towards victory over England Page 26 Rugby union: Wasps hopes of making ground on the leaders in the Bowls: The world indoor bowls.

Bowls Arena at Hopton-on-Sea in Norfolk.....Page 35 Salling: Mike Golding has admitted that the damage which ruled his yacht, Team Group 4. out of the Alone Race occurred as a result of his own mistake Page 36

championships, which begin today.

have finally been given the venue

they deserve with the International

Kofi Annan has brought renewed idealism and strengthened management to the United Nations since taking charge as Secretary General two years ago, But the UN's diplomatic credibility continues to erode. especially with regard to Iraq. He must learn from his mistakes on Iraq and work even harder in the next three years to create a leaner. United Nations ready to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

The New York Times

Previous Oliver Waltson lifts the lid on farming. Against the Grain (BBC2, 7.30pm) Review: Paul Hoggart on the pubertal gags of Reeves and Mortimer Pages 46, 47

Perilous petitions

For many parents with a child at state school, this year promises unrest, instability and dispute. The cause of this gloomy prophery is the Government's policy to allow parents to petition, and then vote to abolish the 164 remaining gram-_Page 21 mar schools...

Democracy's tycoon

The pioneer who has helped millions to make the new world of the Internet their own is Jerry Yang, a Stanford University dropout who became a billionaire before he was

Collection days

The beauty of The Timers Free Books for Schools scheme. launched today, is that, by encouraging children to enter now into the joy of reading, it may help to produce a generation of more literate. better educated young people in the future Page 21

TIM HAMES

Labour inherited a constitution that was broken and did require fixing. During two decades of Tory rule the old order had been trans-Page 20 formed___

WILLIAM REES-MOGG If one looks back on the truly great

men of modern British history, only those who were born rich and not all of them - seemed to have avoided financial embarrass Page 20

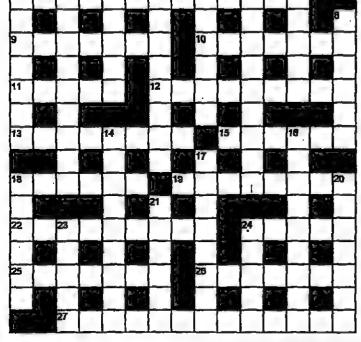
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Some critics regard Coward's pla as the best light comedies of the te tury: But for me, Joan Sutherla got it right. It is those peats sons of his that live...

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- 1 Everything's OK, if you're Cratchit's nephew? (4.4,5).
- 9 Unrestrained tirade interrupted by a politician (7). 10 Take responsibility for a small
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- 12 Farcical author king makes crosser? (9). 13 During trial, top journalist gave
- evidence (8). 15 Literary savage whose child has positive qualities (6).
- 18 Prescription price adjusted to cover drug (6). 19 Monkey put next to tailless ro-
- 22 Deposit frozen in a bank? (9). 24 Sounds like friendly greeting to girl one's spotted, perhaps (5).

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- agent (5). Common way to refer to paint-ing? (8). Cheerful gesture made by direc-
- tor at end of bar (6). Message from a British member taken by force (9). Moderates improve a session, tak
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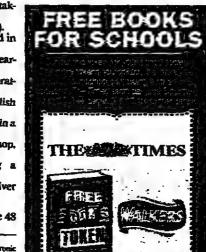
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II Channel Islands: dull, rain. Wind moderate to fresh, southwest. Max 13C (55F).

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DS Water; sunny spells and showers. A tresh southwest wind, Max 11C (52F).

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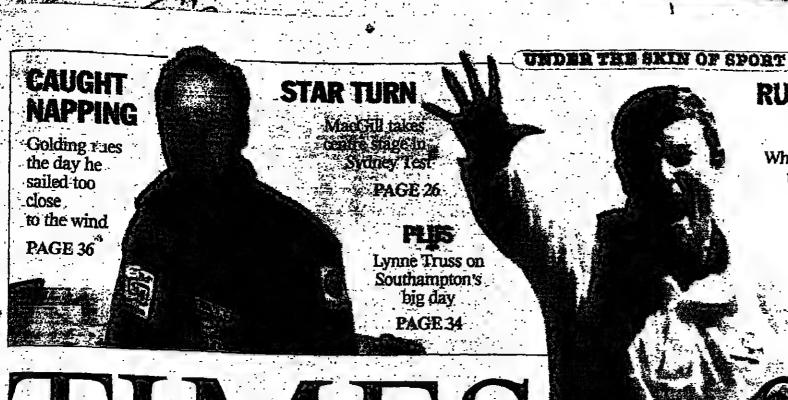
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MONDAY JANUARY 4 1999 IVERPOOL NEXT IN LINE FOR OLD TRAFFORD FACUE



Irwin sends Schwarzer, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, the wrong way to put Manchester United ahead and on course for an FA Cup fourth-round showdown with Liverpool. Photograph: Dan Chung

United secure spot prize

THE dread of a foture-clogging replay and the prospect of Liverpool waiting for them in the next stage of the competition added a decisive urgency.
to Manchester United's finishing yesterday afternoon, when ey came from behind to beat Middlesbrough and avoid their first FA Cup third-round exit for 15 years.

It took a fine goal from Andy Cole, a controversial penalty from Denis Irwin, a late finish from Ryan Giggs and all of United's resolve, tenacity and perseverance to cancel out an opening strike from Andy Townsend and take them past the team that had beaten them. 3-2 at Old Trafford in the FA Carling Premiership a fort-

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, accused Nicky Butt of diving over Neil Maddison's outstretched leg to win the 82nd minute spot kick that effectively broke the visitors' resistance. Even Alex Ferguson, the United manager, described it as a "softish penalty", but insisted that Maddison had caught Butt below the

knee with his tackle If United had to toil for their victory, though, if at times they seemed to be struggling for their rhythm, the manner in which they finally broke free from their shackles bodes ill for the rest of the Premiership and for Liverpool, who will have to travel to Old Traiford for the fourth-round meeting. United had won only once in eight matches before yesterday, but Ferguson said he saw signs that they were on the brink of rediscovering their

"We have come through this terribly tough period of mine games in 31 days," he said.
"We've had Bayern Munich,

ed just talking about them. But we have had a bit of a breather now and we looked in good physical shape today. There was a freshness about them and it helps not having a

replay to worry about. They were marvellous finishes and, with the possession we had, that's one of the best performances of the season. I thought the intensity of the passing, the movement and the energy we spent on the game was brilliant.

"It's a belier, it's famastic." Ferguson said of the match against Liverpool. There are some terrific ties in the next round, but Manchester United v Liverpool is always a big

After the doubts that were raised about United's commitment to the FA Cup last season, Ferguson was refreshingly unequivocal about his desize to win the competition this

and Yeovil Town, the two re-

maining non-league sides in

the FA Cup, received disap-

pointing fourth-round draws

yesterday (Russell Kempson

writes). If they manage to win

replays against Leeds United

and Cardiff City respectively,

Rushden will have an away tie against Portsmouth while

Yeovil will have to travel to

Sheffield United or Notts

Brian Talbot, the Rushden

manager, preferred to concentrate on the rematch with

County.

tinuing involvement in the European Cup and the approaching tie with Internazionale. It will sound a death knell for the Cup when the big clubs

Draw takes shine

off Diamonds

RUSHDEN and Diamonds he said. "I'm only thinking of

MANCHESTER UNITED MIDDLESBROUGH

season, despite his side's con-

start treating it with noncha-lance and indifference, but Ferguson's renewed enthusiasm is likely to rejuvenate it and restore its kudos. The hyperbole that will surround the tie with Liverpool will not do it any

For much of the game, though, it appeared that Liver-pool would have to wait until next week to discover who their opponents would be as the match headed towards a re-

the Leeds game. There's no point in thinking any further

Swansea City, one of only

three Nationwide League

third division clubs left in the

competition, have the incen-

tive of playing Derby County at home if they beat West Ham United, another FA Car-

ling Premiership club, in a re-

play at Vetch Field. Leyton Orient, also from the third

division, play away to Bristol Rovers, of the second division.

after defeating Brighton, Kingstonian and Southport in

the previous rounds:

ahead than that."

by Oliver Holt Football Correspondent play. United, without the suspended David Beckham and Gary Neville, had started the brighter, but Middlesbrough's back three of Gary Pallister, Maddison and Colin Cooper worked tirelessly to contain

the reunited partnership of Cole and Dwight Yorke. United, too, looked immeasurably more solid in defence than on the last occasion when the teams met. Then, Hamilton Ricard and Brian Deane bullied the home defence into conceding three goals, but, yesterday, Jaap Starn in particular was the very model of indefatigability, looking at last like the immoveable object that expecting when he signed in

For all their pressure, though, for all the darning movement of Cole and Giggs. it was Middlesbrough who created the clearest opportunity of the first half. Gordon wriggled away from Giggs on the byline and pulled his cross to the near post, where Mustoe flung himself at it. His header went straight at Schmeichel. but it still took the United goalkeeper two attempts to grab it. Middlesbrough's defending

was a mix of the composed and the desperate. Twice, lunging blocks denied Keane and Irwin, and when Cole and Yorke missed two clear chances in quick succession at the start of the second half, both failing to beat Schwarzer when they were clean through. United's frustration grew.

They were punished for their wastefulness in the 52nd

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW

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jumped Wes Brown to flick on Cooper's long free kick and Townsend rolled the loose ball across Schmeichel and into the corner of the United net.

It seemed then that they were heading for their first third-round exit since they lost to Bournemouth at Dean Court in 1984, but after Pal-lister had made a fine saving tackle to deny Butt, Giggs unlocked the Middlesbrough delence with a moment of perception in the 69th minute. Drift-ing inside from the right, he played a beautiful reverse pass to Cole, who spun away from Cooper and rifled his shot high past Schwarzer's left hand and into the roof of the

Middlesbrough, exhausted by their earlier labours, were helpless now as United poured forward and eight minutes from the end, Butt collected a weak defensive header on the edge of the Middlesbrough box and tempted Maddison into his rash challenge. Irwin, presented with United's second penalty of the season at Old Trafford, sent Schwarzer the wrong way with his kick.

It was deep in injury time when Giggs added the coup de grace, exchanging passes with Solskjaer and slipping his shot through Schwarzer's legs. "Bring on the Scousers," the United supporters sang as they headed for the exits.

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By OUR SPORTS STAFF HAMILTON (second day of five; India won toss): India, with five first-innings wickers in hand, are 170 runs behind New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND held a

strong grip on India after the second day of the third Test yesterday, despite a superbun-beaten 93 from Rabut Dravid.

india ended the day at 196 for

five in reply to New Zealands

first innings of 366. Navjot Sidhu and Ajay Jade

ia, the India openers, who have proved easy prey for the

New Zealand attack so far in

this series, again exposed the

middle order early, leaving the

India innings teetering at 17

Sidhu was out to Chris

caught at the wicket after a

Cairns in his second over,

cramped attempt at a square

cut. Jadeja, who had seemed

bent on attack and hit four

boundaries, offered a simple

catch to mid-off after a slower

Tendulkar, who compiled 67 before being trapped leg-before by Dion Nash. Tendulkar

attacked the bowling with his

customary ferocity. Dravid

was more circumspect but

pounced on full-length balls or

anything short outside the off

The pair added 62 in 19

overs before tea and once the

Craig McMillan and Nash, hitting three boundaries in

two overs, but he was dis-

Having survived a confident

appeal from Nash, Tendulkar.

had his pads thumped again

off the next ball and this time

the umpire offered no re-

prieve. Dravid, on 39 at the

time, added 54 in the remain-ing 80 minutes of play, but two

wickers fell at the other end.

Doull's slower ball did the

damage on both occasions, de-

feating Sourav Ganguly before finding the edge of Mohammad Azharuddin's bat. Earlier in the day, New Zealand, who had resumed at 283

for five, were bowled out ten

minutes after lunch. Javagal

Srinath, wicketless in the

morning session, took the last

overs to finish with five for 95.

his third five-wicket haul in an

nnings in his 35th Test.

missed soon afterwards.

parmership reached a hun-dred, Tendulkar launched into

ball from Simon Doull.

England on the ropes as MacGill turns screw

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SYDNEY (second day of five: Australia won toss): Australia. with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 115 runs ahead of England

THE first day in Sydney had ended like the last in Mel-bourne, with Englishmen beaming and beliowing and punching the air, Darren Gough's eestasy the indelible impression. The difference, this time, was that England had won nothing bar the chance to stay in the game, a chance their batsmen were yesterday unable to hold.

On the and wasteland of this spin-friendly pitch, England could ill afford any firstinnings deficit, let alone one as formidable as 102. They did not subside spinelessly but they did suffer familiarly soft dismissals. That four of the top six passed 20 and none reached 50 will also infuriate the management, but, in hindsight, their chance of a victory to square the series may be seen to have expired as soon as Alec Stewart lost the toss.

Stewart has not had a happy weekend. His captaincy on Sat-urday was baffling, his fielding sloppy and distracted. Then, yesterday, he was out carelessly for just three, the sort of start to daunt and deflate an England side missing the accomplished deliance of Michael Atherton.

When Shane Warne followed the scripts of old by taking a wicket in his first over, the day seemed made for another chapter in his personal soap opera. Instead, the comeback kid had to support and appland as England were bowled out by the man initial-ly chosen simply to keep his seat warm. Warne did not bowl badly, but his partner in

leg-spin bowled better. Stuart MacGill has had to endure comparisons and condescension as understudy to the maestro but his wicket-taking record suggested he would not return meekly to the ranks whenever Warne felt ready to resume. Yesterday, he proved the point with the best figures of his brief Test career.

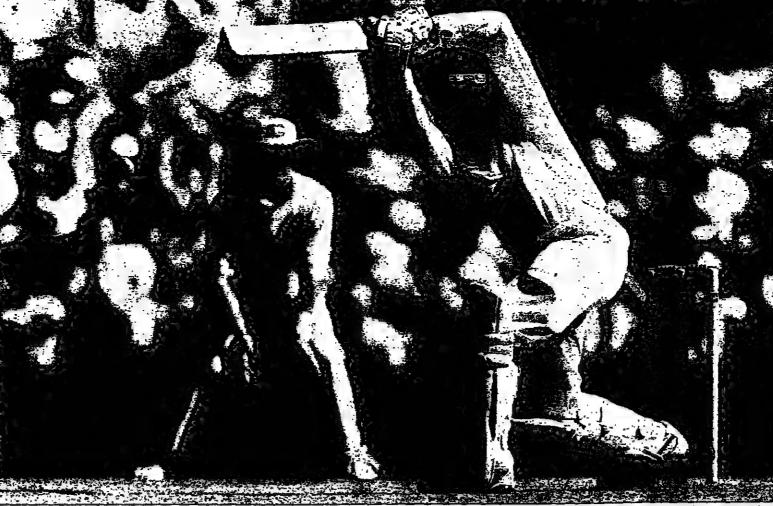
MacGill turned the ball more lavishly than Warne and

had the confidence to bowl a googly, a delivery his senior partner did not attempt once in 20 overs. MacGill, indeed, took the second of his five wickets with a third consecutive googly to Alex Tudor, the mark of a man who feels on

top of his game. The last four wickets fell to MacGill in as many overs but this was not so much the usual, destructive England col-lapse as something inevitable, delayed with desperation. This pitch is no place to be facing three spin bowlers, each with their own qualities, and if the fourth-innings target exceeds 300, as last night seemed likely, the prospects of another English celebration are remote. There have been only seven draws in 50 Ashes Tests on this ground and the weather will have to break dramatically to produce an eighth.

On the opening day, England had battled the odds with considerable valour. Forced into one late change by Atherton's deteriorating back and choosing, obscurely, to do without their most effective defensive bowler, Alan Mulially, they might have had a fruitless day in the field while the pitch was at its best.

Despite some early incisions by Dean Headley, whose series is ending on a remarkable high, this remained probable so long as the Waugh twins were together in a stand that produced only 30 runs fewer



Crawley aims to drive during his battling innings of 44 against Australia on the second day of the fifth Test match in Sydney yesterday

There was a need, now, for

England's two form players to

bat long into the afternoon.

Nasser Hussain looked intent.

his nose over every ball, his

bat showing none of the open-

faced vulnerability of old, but Mark Ramprakash played

one of the most disappointing

strokes of the day, driving a good length ball from Mc-Grath straight to mid-off.

The fourth wicket produced 49 and Graeme Hick hinted,

once again, that he was about

to play a commanding and in-

fluential innings. It was not be

though as he succumbed to a

ball that should have been hit

for four - a long-hop from

MacGill that turned so much

it took the toe-end of the bat to

than England's entire innings. Yet in the evening session, with Mark Waugh past 100 and Steve lost in the 90s for a record ninth time, the wounded lion found its voice again.

Gough's hat-trick, the first by an Englishman in Ashes cricket for 100 years, gave the day a spectacular finale and sent the thousands of travel-ling supporters back to their botels in high spirits. However, the unemotional among them will have recognised that Australia's 322, though short of their optimum, still represented an enviable platform.

Expecting the unexpected is all that sustains the England cricket follower, however, and there was an electricity amid the airlessness of a humid second morning. Unlike Saturday, when thousands were

locked out as Sydney closed its gates on a Test day for the first time in 23 years, the ground was not quite full, but it was still a sight to mock all those who have been forecasting the demise of Test cricket.

Stewart will rightly have instructed his batsmen to be positive but he set an unfortunate example with the loose drive that donated a 200th Test wicket to Glenn McGrath.

Mark Butcher played with fluency through most of the morning and greeted Warne by swinging his second ball respectfully over mid-wicket. Two balls later, deceived in flight and playing awkwardly across a leg break, he was out leg-before, a decision Warne prejudged by sprinting down the pitch with arm pointing triumphantly to the skies.

short extra cover. Hussain followed in the next over, a deserved wicket for the probing Colin Miller. For Hussain, it was another frustration, his sixth score in the series above 40 without once going on to 100.

John Crawley also played with flair, making almost all his 44 runs against the spin on the leg side. Warren Hegg kept him company for 14 overs. Tudor for another 11. but England were always swimming against a treacherous tide and once MacGill had bamboozied Tudor their defences were down.

Crawley, his but for once coming down crookedly, was taken at slip and as MacGill mopped up with relish, Australia even had the huxury of seven overs in which to in-

SCOREBOARD FROM SYDNEY

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M J Statur e Hogg b Headley...
(82min, 35 balls, 2 fours)
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Total (87.3 overs, 373min) 322
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E Waugh 1), 5-684 (M E Waugh 10), 5-313 (Heely 14), 7-321 (Marriel 1), 8-321

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But the testing situation did not daunt Dravid and Sachin

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Warne finds ample reward playing second fiddle

apprentice went to work during Eng-land's first innings, and the pupil finally bested his master. Shane Warne's return to Test match cricket was greeted with a roar, if one ig-nores the highly predictable dissent from the English corner, but the spectators went home admiring Stuart MacGill, who was the flummoxer-in-chief on a day Australia made sure England

would not draw this series. It was a glorious day of achievement for the crowd of 38,000 and their favourite New South Weishmen. Mc-Grath took his 200th Test wicket, Mark Waugh pocketed his hundredth catch. Taylor equalled Allan Border's catching record of 156 and

bowling performance. Warne had to go a bit to trump all that and he did his best, snatfling two good catches and taking a wicket with his fourth ball. But on this day he had to bend the knee to the other

MacGill will never rival him, of course. Nobody ever could. Warne is the wonder of the age, MacGill a wrist spinner of some talent who has run into a bit of form against batsmen who sniff the turning ball as if it was a primed grenade. The pitch gave him every assistance. This was a least day for the twirlymen and MacGill took his place at the table, ate freely, supped his fill, belched and went to bed a

happy man. At the start of the day the overwhelming question was: to whom would Taylor turn arm. As Australians hooted

Michael Henderson watches as Australia's spinning maestro finally returns to the Test match stage

first? Would he summon Warne with a dramatic flourish, or would he stick with MacGill? It was MacGill he preferred, handing him the ball after a dozen overs in which time Warne had already been active, holding a

Hat-trick hero: Gough dismisses Healy, MacGill and Miller with successive balls

sharp slip catch. Warne had to wait a further nine overs for his chance and. after Butcher carted him away to the mid-wicket boundary, he was avenged when the opener missed a ball that turned, as leg breaks do. There was no trickery. It was a soft dismissal that did nothing to diminish Warne's reputation as a man with a golden their approval the several thousand Englishmen settled back to expect the worst. It never came to pass.

Warne bowled steadily, but it was as a catcher that he made his only other contribution to the innings, falling to his left at short extra cover to intercept Hick's poorly executed back-foot drive. This is the way with great players. Short of trussing them up in the dressing-room there is no way of keeping them out of the

game for long.

Warne gave the impression of having a splendid time, though it must be hard to keep up appearances when your name is repeatedly taken

in vain, as it was by the English element. The Barmy Army can be relied upon to lower the tone of any gather-ing, and their lavatorial humour, relentless and immensely loud, bore no trace of wit. Warne grinned through it all, and left his team-mates to supply an appropriate answer.

Not the least satisfying pleasure of the day was Tay-lor's handling of his team. Waddling from end to end in the easy-mannered way that disguises the certainty of his judgement, he appeared to have the whole field covered. Crawley was kind enough to offer him an easy slip catch late in the afternoon and it is

worth considering how su-perbly he has fielded in that position now that he stands on the threshold of another world record.

Healy, standing to his left, has taken 351 catches, more than any other wicketkeeper. To his right, either at second slip or silly point, where he caught Hussain, Mark Waugh has now held a straight 100. That means the three of them have caught 607 batsmen, the most productive close-catching alliance in Test cricket. Bowlers can sleep soundly knowing that such expertise is at hand.

Taylor shouldn't have to wait long to claim that record. The way MacGill was turning the ball suggests that batting will be extremely difficult on the last two days. He pitched short every now and again.

and occasionally bowled it too full, offering full tosses, but he can't half rip the ball. West Indies, who entertain Australia this spring, must be quaking in their boots at the prospect of facing two wrist spinners. especially when Warne has regained full match fitness.

As for England, there was too much indifferent batting. A particular pity was Ramprakash, who began confidently and departed to a weak shot, though Taylor had posted his fielder in the right spot, be tween extra cover and mid-off. There was one unexpected bright moment. Tudor, who played with good sense and a straight bat, offered one of the strokes of the day when he drove Warne past mid-off for four. Perhaps England have

NEW ZEALAND: First hnings

BOWLING: Smeth 322-10-95-5; Prasad 33-10-61-2; Kumble 27-7-84-1; Singh 21-5-74-2; Genguly 5-3-25-0; Tendulkar 3-0-23-0

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Prasad and R Singh to bat
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-17, 2-17; 3-126,
4-164; 5-195.
BOWLING: Doul 15-6-29-2. Cems
10-3-54-2/nb-1, w-4), Nash 16-6-35-1; Verlon 13-2-63-0; Mohillan 2-0-13-0 Umpres: Fl Koertzen (South Atrica) and D B Covie.

☐ The Pakistan Cricket L. Board has appointed Wasim ... Akram captain of Pakistan for the tour of India and the World Cup in England later this year. Pakistan will play three Tests and three one-day internationals in India during a ten-week tour starting later

Donald leaves West Indies begging for mercy

CAPE TOWN (second day of five; South Africa won toss): West Indies, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 317 runs behind South Africa

FOR THE umpteenth time this winter. West Indies find themselves in dire trouble. Already 3-0 down, they lost their first four wickets for 34 in excellent conditions before Carl Hooper played his first decent innings of the series. This in response to South Africa's total of 406 for eight, of which Daryll Cullinan's 168 was the highest Test score of

The important wicket, as ever for South Africa, was that of Brian Lara. He came in with his side ten for two and, as throughout this series, greatly in need of a fillip. Murray had gone in Donald's first over, caught behind by Boucher off an inside edge, and Wallace had edged a ball that lifted sharply on him to first slip.

This was splendidly aggres-sive new-ball bowling.

Generously received, Lara swung Donald to the midwicket boundary, missed an-other attempted pull and then, looking to scotch a further short ball on the back foot, knocked his bails off with his right boot. Donald, having takdeparted at this point with a strained left hamstring, but no matter. His work was done for

When Chanderpaul went, checking a drive off Ter-brugge, West Indies were in serious trouble. They have never lost a series 5-0 — not yet — but will do well to avoid that now. The difference between these two sides is not so much to do with what is going on in the middle as in the head.

South Africa declared at tea. reckoning that even on this true pitch, a total of little more than 400 was quite enough against these opponents. CullFROM IVO TENNANT IN CAPE TOWN

inan and Kallis each batted for more than seven hours, the former striking the ball as freely as he ever has in Test cricket. His partner was never quite in

They put on 235 and neither gave a chance, although they were fortunate that Walsh was injured and that Ambrose departed with knee trouble after some exemplary spells.

SCOREBOARD FROM CAPE TOWN

SOUTH AFRICA: First immos G Kirsten c Jacobs b Ambrose ... 0 Kallis c Jacobs b Gibson .. 110 D J Culiman c Jacobs b McLean... 168

Total (8 witts dec).... P R Adams did not bat FALL OF WICKETS, 1-0, 2-74, 3-309, 4-312, 5-376, 6-380, 7-397, 8-397. BOMUNG: Ambrose 24 1-7-49-1. McLean 25.5-6-78-2. Gibson 30-4-92-1; Dillon 33 5-6-99-3; Hooper 27-6-60-1; Chanderpaul 6-0-27-0.

WEST INDIES: First kinners P A Wallace c Cullman b Donald... . 8 R Murray c Boucher b Donald0 S Chanderpaut c Rhodes b Terbrugge..... "B C Lara his wicket to Donald . .

D Genga not out..... Totał (4 wicts)..... † R.D. Jacobs, O.D. Gibson, M. Dillon, N. A.M. McLean and C.E.L. Ambrose to bat. FALL OF WICKETS. 1-1. 2-10, 3-14.

BCMLING. Danald 5-1-13-3 Pollock 10-6-16-0, Technogge 7-2-13-1, Kallis 6-2-21-0 Adams 5-0-24-0 Umpres S Venkataraghavan (India) and O L Orchard.

Cullinan's previous highest score was an unbeaten 153 against India in 1996-7. During the tea interval, the

United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB) unveiled its latest scheme to bring black and coloured cricketers to the fore in a grandly titled "Pledge to

the Nation the Nation to do so by continual criticism from the Government. Steve Tshwete, the Minister of Sport, said that he was withholding his sup-port of his country in this Test match because the selectors had not picked enough black

players.
"I am worried we will be sending white teams to the rugby and cricket World Cups this year, in which case it will be difficult for me to support

them," he said.
Dr Ali Bacher, the managing director of the UCB, countered that it would have been demeaning to West Indies and unfair to sponsors to have

picked a below-strength side. From next month, however, all provinces will have to include players of colour in all competitions.

The UCB has set up a monitoring committee that will have the authority to overturn decisions taken by the selec-tors. Hence if it feels that they have not included enough black or coloured players in the Test side, it can override the selections and tell the likes of Peter Pollock and Mike Procter [both selectors] that they must think again. Our historic and moral

duty is to ensure that South African cricket grows and flourishes among the truly disadvantaged of our society. with the recognition that the majority of disadvantaged people come from our black communities." Bacher said. "This involves a commitment to promote and develop cricket amongst black African people at all levels of the game."



Cullinan flicks a ball off his legs on his way to making a career-best Test score of 168 in Cape Town yesterday

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FA Cup: England striker's penalty helps put Port Vale firmly in their place

Owen proves spot on for Liverpool

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BY MATT DICKINSON

ANY misgivings at having to change in a Portakabin were dispelled for Michael Owen yesterday when he found the Port Vale defence as rudimentary as the temporary dressing-room. The Liverpool forward left scorch marks in the Potteries as his pace burned off Vale's despairing markers.

The England international scored the opening goal of this FA Cup third-round tie after 33 minutes and. thereafter, his side were able to coast ry they are unlikely to afford against Manchester United in the next round. Further goals by Paul Ince and Robbie Fowler wrapped things

Owen's strike from the penalty spot was another milestone in his phenomenal career, coming on his debut in the competition just as he had. marked his first games in the FA Car-ling Premiership, League Cup and Europe with goals. It was not, though, a spot-kick without controver-

Owen himself won the penalty when he tumbled over the thigh of when he tumbled over the thigh of Rob when he tumbled over the iman of Dave Barnett, but the decision of Rob Harris, the referee, enraged the Burslem locals. Apart, of course, from the gaggle of shricking school-girls who mobbed the Liverpool team coach in the hope of a glimpse of their idol behind the tinged glass. To the rest it was a blatam case of diving:

Those supporters who did vell

Those supporters who did yell "chear" at the 19- year old were presumably the same ones who delightin similar circumstances, and Barnett, despite his disappointment, kept

his perspective. "I half-pulled out of the tackle but Owen used my body," the defender said. "He's good at that, and he will

get quite a few penalties in his career because of his pace and agility."

It was a candid appraisal from a centre half who might have been tempted to shift the blame. Owen can hardly be blamed for knocking the ball past slower opponents and flick-ing on the turbo to clatter into them. Provided he is not seeking to tumble where there is no contact, defenders like Barnett can hardly complain,

Apart from Owen's darring per-formance, which induced bookings for both Barnett and the hapless Paul Beesley, there was little else for Gerard Houltier to savour as his side recorded their fourth victory in succession. "We were very professional and never underestimated them," the Liverpool manager said, but nor did they play with any great style or vigour against a team from the Na-tionwide League first division who had secured just four points from their previous 11 League matches.

John Rudge had proved pleny of times in the past that he can transform his lower league players into titans for a day, as victories against Tottenhani Hotspur, Everton and Southampton had shown in recent seasons. Addnowledging that fact, as well as Liverpool's propensity for abject collapses, the television camer-as were at Vale Park to capture the visitors' embarassmen

Perhaps it was the absence of five players through injury and illness, or maybe that the Port Vale manager has not the resources of yesteryear, but no such heroics ever looked likely. They had to beat, or at least rattle Liverpool's suspect defence, but they opted instead to duplicate their



Owen slots home the 33rd-minute penalty that opened the door for Liverpool at Vale Park yesterday

"The last thing you want is a free flowing game against a team like Liv-erpool." Rudge said, but a more gung ho approach might have unsettled a rearguard that can always be expected to creak under pressure. Only for a 15 minute spell after half-time, when Tony Naylor broke clear but was thwarted by Phil Babb, did the Ambeld defence look, briefly, suspect. By then, Liverpool had already

lead, the penalty by Owen followed five minutes tater when a free kick by Patrik Berger from wide on the left was diverted from Phil Babb to Ince for a simple headed finish.

Vale offered far more threat to

James's goal in the second half, but. inevitably for a side that has conceded 50 goals in the Nationwide League first division, there were bound to be spaces left at the back.

last half-hour in place of Riedle, but he could easily have had a hat-trick, twice hitting the side-netting before finally shooting past Kevin Pilkington. The provider, inevitably, was Owen. PORT VALE (3-5-2): K Priorigion — N Asper, D Bar-nett, P Bresley (such C Horizade, 70 mm) — M Websh, N Brisco Fadir, G O'Celzaghan, B 7, 1 Bogle, A Tark-ard, B McCanchey (such W Corden, ES) — T Naylor, P

Seade INVERPOOL (3-5-2): D. James — J. Carragner, S. Saunton, P. Babo — J. McAreer, J. Redkappe, P. Ince, P. Berger, S. Bjornebye (sub: S. Hanknets, 63) — K. Rieckle (sub: R. Fowler, 60), M. Owen.

Officials must hope for a

Norwich began with greater fine block tackle from Thome and Eadie prompted a save at ever, their reliance on the offof the last man on two occa-sions Humphreys breached

Humphreys confirms class divide

Sheffield Wednesday

Norwich City 1

THE growing superiority of the FA Carling Premiership over their poorer Nationwide League brethren was confirmed again yesterday as

By Richard Hobson

Sheffield Wednesday progressed into the FA Cup fourth round with minimal difficulty. Ritchie Humphreys scored his first goals for nearly two years as they eased to their biggest win of the season against a Norwich City side who failed to impose themselves.

It means that the Premiership has triumphed in six of the seven ties pitting in direct opposition teams from the top two divisions of the overall pyramid. Nottingham Forest were the one side to perish, and their status in the top flight must be regarded as temporary. If Wednesday heat Stockport County in the fourth round — as they should, given home advantage — then they will reach the last 16 for just the second time since 1993, when they lost to Arsenal in the final.

The fact that the draw had been made during this contest angered both managers. Bruce Rioch, of Norwich, said that it "belittled the competition" while Danny Wilson, his counterpart at Wednesday. was even more scathing, "it shows disrespect to the clubs," Wilson said. "I cannot believe it was allowed. I think it is a case of the television companies trying to put one over on each other. I became aware of the draw at the start of the second half when people in the crowd kept shouting it out. But I didn't want the players to know in case they lost concentration."

much improved crowd at Hillsborough for the Stock-port visit. The attendance of 8,737, swelled by a hearty travelling contingent, represented the second lowest of the season. Only a Worthington Cup tie against Cambridge United attracted fewer; so much for the magic of the Cup, Such was the subdued atmosphere at three o'clock it was almost worth checking that the kickoff had not been delayed.

urgency as Roberts forced a the near post by Smicek. Howside trap courted danger and after straying the wrong side the line of defenders to give

minute. Exchanging passes with Carbone, he skitted a low shot under the dive of Watt.

Carbone, with his light touch and low centre of gravity, was too much for the visijors. Fifteen minutes later his cross from the right created a second goal for Humphreys, who accepted the chance at the third opportunity. Watt palmed away the first headed effort and Jackson recovered his position swiftly to stop the second, but with two bodies prostrate Humphreys now had an easy task.

When Hamphreys nudged a long, diagonal pass by Hinchcliffe into the path of Rudi, who rounded the goalkeeper to extend the lead five minutes before half-time, it seemed a question of the ex-tent of the success. Even though Roberts retrieved a goal just before the break - a glanding header at the near post from a corner by Adams



Rudi: scored third goal

Wilson still felt sufficiently confident to withdraw Jonk as a precaution. Sonner added aggression to

the midfield and might have scored after 67 minutes when Rudi and Alexandersson combined to put him through. Watt saved from point-blank range, but the fourth goal duly arrived six minutes later. Hinchcliffe delivered a perfect, in swinging corner from the right, which Stefanovic bun-

"We did well in our own way," Rioch said, "but it is a sign of the capability of international-class players that they punish you when you make errors. You have to demake errors. You have to defend properly against them."

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Fourth-round draw offers up taste of times past

AS AN example of the power of television - football's paymaster - and the more bizarre decision making of the Football Association, the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup vesterday could not be bettered. It Wembley Stadium, in front of its usual audience of expectant managers, players and token supporters, but the 40m timing could hardly have.

been less appropriate.
The Port Vale v Liverpool thirdround tie had only just finished, the Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich City tie had marginally passed its halfway stage and the Manchester United v Middlesbrough tie had barely started. Long gone are the were paired with Liverpool. When days of excitedly huddling around a United and Middlesbrough concludradio on Monday morning.

It did not seem the same, either, without the bouffant haired presence of Graham Kelly, the former FA thief executive, who resigned in dis-grace over the "cash for votes" scantook place in the banqueting suite at FA executive director, took over as master of ceremonies while Nobby Stiles and Norman Hunter, the former England defenders, did the draw from the bingo-style font. Long gone, too, is the bag of balls from

which dreams come true.

It was a strange, almost muted, ceremony, with few of the oobs and ashs that have accompanied it down the years - apart from when Manchester United or Middlesbrough ed business at Old Trafford almost BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

two hours later, with United winning 3-1, the tie-of-the-round award became obvious.

to meet Tottenham Hotspur - the significance of which was lost on most of those present. The clubs will play at Selhurst Park in their Cup-tie over the weekend of January 23 and will meet again on the following Wednesday in the first leg of their Worthington Cup semi-final. As an appetiser, they are also due to play in an FA Carling Premiership lixture at White Hart Lane on January lo.

With replays pending, the ifs, buts and maybes are endless among the remaining 17 clubs from the Premiership, Il from the Nationwide League

first division, six from the second division, three from the third division and two from the Football Conference. At least three clubs from the Nationwide League must qualify for the last 16, adding spice to the normally Premiership-dominated fifth round.

For Wolverhampton Wanderers,

history will repeat itself should Arsenal see off the challenge of Preston North End in their de-layed third-round tie this evening. Wolves and Arsenal met in the semifinals at Villa Park last season. Portsmouth were rewarded for

their 1-0 victory against Nottingham Forest with a home game against Rushden and Diamonds, one of the two non-league sides left, or Leeds United. Steve Claridge, the Portsmouth striker and scorer of the win-

ning goal at the City Ground, predicted that Leeds would prevail against Rushden in the replay at Elland Road, but he was none too optimis-tic. "I've got a funny feeling I won't be coming back again." Claridge said, a reference to his appearance at Wembley yesterday. "At least it's a big boost for the boardroom. It means we should get paid next month." Oxford United's players, whose wages have also been late this season, will be similarly pleased with the tie against Chelsea at the

Manor Ground Students of finer detail will have noted the pairing of Newcastle Unit-ed and Bradford City, to be played at St James' Park. It is a repeat of the Cup final of 1911, when Bradford

Moyes busy restoring pride to Preston

iven that David Moyes, the Preston North End manag er, was an uncompromising. Glasgow-born stopper of the old school. Arsenal's cosmopolitan collec-tion might fear for their limbs when they visit the dormant Lancashire giants in the FA

Cup third round tonight They could be in for a pleasant awakening at a club thriv-ing after Moyes's first year at the helm. The fledgeling manager has immersed his team in the passing game. He encourages the interchanging of positions, a creed that has seen no player reach double figures even though Preston, with 41 goals from 23 matches, are comfortably the most prolific scorers in the Nationwide League second division.

No detail better illustrates Moyes's footballing vision. Preston's push for promotion has been built on a unity of purpose. It is a source of im-mense satisfaction that they have yet to be outplayed this season, yet Moyes, 35, readily concedes that Arsenal will benefit from his unswerving

philosophy Moyes flatly rejects the suggestion that he might delve into the manuals of John Beck, the manager famed for his reliance on the long-ball game. who brought him to Preston five years ago. "It was certainly an experience with John." Moves said. He showed me another side to the game. Some of it I'll use if I have to. but not his style of play."

How, then, does Moyes propose to fashion what he ventured would be one of the biggest modern Cup upsets? How does anybody, even the likes of Harry Redknapp and George Graham, approach a game against Arsenal, with their world-class players? he asks. They frightened me to

Julian Muscat meets the manager hoping to overcome history as well as Arsenal at Deepdale tonight

death when I saw them against Leeds recently. So we have got to keep things in

Arsenal are the outstanding team of last season. To be honest, my biggest worry is that we will be filling Deep-dale (capacity 21,500) for the first time since we got promot-ed in 1996. I want the players to give themselves and the fans the chance of a half-decent game.":

Decent games are what they long for at Deepdale, once the bastion of English football.

Indeed, this match is a blending of the old and new: Preston, the inaugural Double-win-ners in 1889, versus Arsenal,

the most recent vintage.

A reminder of the club's heritage radiates from the giant facial images of Sir Tom Finney and Bill Shankly, who played at Deepdale together in the early 1940s, that stare down from upturned seats in the new stands of a half-developed ground that will accommodate 30,000 if promotion can be achieved. As Moyes re-

had to hang on to since Preston departed, never yet to re-turn, from the old first division 37 years ago.

Not that Moyes is unfamiliar with the big occasion. At 18 he played at right back for Celtic in the European Cup away to Juventus; the following year against the mighty Ajax at Celtic Park. He also claims the distinction of scoring with his first touch in his first Old Firm derby - "although Tom Mc-Adam always insisted that he got the final touch".

it was as early as 13 that



helps to recall Preston's pomp as Moyes, their highly regarded a new dynasty at a Deepdale ground steeped in history The shadow of Shan

Moyes felt the lure of manage-ment. Obliged to act as a "run-ner" on coaching courses, he reveiled in the cameraderie of ose who lived and breathed football. "People were always joking that I'd be out watching a kid's game when I should have been in the house," he

To meet Moves is to encounter a strength of character. He has a presence, the air of a man going places, one who generates respect by example rather than demanding it, as so many young wannabes do with their misplaced authoritarian approach. When he talks, as he did about his initial managerial experience, of getting the players here to love each other a bit more", the resolve in his eye betrays what the softly spoken words

conceal Pressure from the club's plc status demanded that Moyes's first managerial responsibility was to cull seven players from his first-team squad. Within this financial straitjacket, his work with a squad of 19 has drawn attention.

Moyes is regularly touted as a replacement for Brian Kidd as coach at Manchester United, a scenario he describes as very flattering, but there has been no offer, nor am I expecting one".

Yet one can detect the influence of Alex Ferguson, the United manager and high priest to Scottish aspirants such as Moyes, when he talks of his players. "I like to think of us as a working ream," he said. There are some young players here and we need to be on top of them without being to their face. Winning in this game is all about being good professionals and most of that is achieved on the training ground." The words could almost have come from Ferguson himself.



Oldham left to reflect on life from boundary

By ROB HUGHES

KEN BATES, who once promised Oldham Athletic the earth and left them in the lurch, returned there on Saturday as the Chelsea high-roller who sees himself as the saviour of the Football Association in his spare time. The FA Council will probably decline Bates's offer to knock the sleaze and stuffiness out of their system. but Boundary Park provided evidence aplenty of life with or without Our Ken.

Oldham were the equal of Chelsea just five winters ago: in the FA Carling Premiership and minutes away from meeting them in the FA Cup Final. Now, Boundary Park seems a step back in time, a place squeezed by the alarming contraction of football below the enriched Premiership. Even the Oldhams of this world can no longer sustain the "giant-killing" lore of the FA Cup. They ran and they worked and they attempted to bridge the ability gap, but Chelsea have gone four months unbeaten now because they, too, have discovered the spirit of perse-

Chelsea salaries frighten even Alex Ferguson, but prima donnas they are not. As the wind and rain slanted down from the Pennines, Gianluca Vialli, the player-manager who reserves himself for cupties, scored the decisive goals - one of great power, the other of swift opportunism. Then he said: "I knew we could handle the weather - our training ground can get quite windy. If

but also to come to Oldham and do a difficult job in a good way." With that, and an aside about Cheisea being interested in Steve McManaman, despite reports of him seeking £100,000 a week, Vialli was gone. Bates was just coming down from on high, from the roof of the stand where he joined in the jocularity over the Pie Hits Ref affair just be-

fore half-time. Sky said it was a rock that hit the referee on the back of the neck," Bates quipped, "The pie manufacturer should sue!" Mirth rolled around the ground after the press steward, trying to keep a straight face, informed us that Paul Durkin, England's World Cup referee, was in fact struck by a



hot dog, the matter was in the hands of police and the FA. and Durkin had requested a steward's escort to his car.
It was as funny as a Pennine

downpour. Cheap jokes after referees are shoved to the ground or hit from the crowd will invite more sinister acts. Old-fashioned it may be, but whoever is to lead the Football Association has to guard against ridicule.

Durkin was struck as he consulted his assistant referee near the corner flag and both officials, apparently having missed the deliberate hand ball by Celestine Babayaro, the Chelsea player, signalled a goal by Dennis Wise, it was annulled and Babayaro shown the yellow card after the consultation and the call for police intervention. In the time added on at the

end of the first half. Steve Whitehall almost gave Old-ham the lead, his long shot beating De Goey, rebounding off a post and striking the goalkeeper's back. The Oldham dream never again came so close. They tired, their spirit flagged and Vialli struck. After 68 minutes, masterfully turning Stuart Thom, he shot past the previously defiant Gary Kelly from 20 yards; in the 75th minute Vialli scored again, this time from maybe 20 inches after Bjarne Goldback had exposed Andy Holt

Oldham toiled in vain before a crowd little more than a quarter of the 47,671 who filled Boundary Park when Bates was digging out a fortune in gravel, and a reputation as a chairman who ruled by a comchairman who ruled by a com-mittee of two — with one ab-sent. Today, though Chelsea and Oldham both normally play in blue, so his colours have not changed, his whole life is invested in taking the London club to the heights that few in England, let alone the Latics he abandoned, can

The FA, as exemplified by its oldest and most romantic of cups, has somehow to serve the game as a whole ... the nouveau riches, as Chelsea appear to be, and those facing a struggle to survive, as Oldham undeniably are.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (3-5-2), G Kelly -Games (sub 1 Swan, 64 min), S Thom Light sub M Tearn, 61) -- P Rickers, LD



Graham's men reluctant to break mould

By ALYSON RUDD

MATCH of the Day on Satur-day was followed by Dark-man, a film about a scientist who attempted to create a nose in a machine but was frustrated by the tendency of the nose's molecular structure to dissolve. Tottenham Hotspur

George Graham, the manag er. is attempting to mould Spurs into a clone of Arsenal. He wants to replicate his former club's discipline and awesome defensive capabilities. He has witnessed some success, too, and Spurs are not the pushovers they once were under Christian Gross. But at Tottenham there is a tradition of devil may care, of indulgent attacking play and, try as Gra-ham might, he cannot stabilise the new structure.

Against Watford, the home side's defending was haphaz-ard. Graham Taylor, the Watford general manager, said he saw a striking resemblance between the Arsenal back four and Tottenham's defenders at set-pieces and, indeed, Spurs are, like Arsenal, effective at taking advantage of free kicks and corners. It was at the other end the similarities ended.

For Watford's first goal, scored after just 53 seconds the Tottenham defence looked stranded. Ben Iroha was allowed to burst down the right flank and he crossed for Smart, who headed the ball down into the path of Richard Johnson. It was impressive stuff from the Nationwide League first division sideand

the Spurs players simply enword at their audacity. The marking for Watford's second goal, which enabled them to come back into the game at 3-2, was even worse. Stephen Carr suffered a nasty bout of temporary amnesia and forgot to pick up Peter Kennedy so that when Bazeley's cross floated in, Kennedy had plenty of space and time in which to pick his spot.

It took a freak bailstorm to prompt Spurs back to a more cohesive unit -- perhaps the riotous thunder reminded them. of one of their manager's team, talks - and, after the 53rd minute, the game settled into a more acceptable pattern. Tottenham dominated and looked unlikely to concede again. Watford had, after all, also hit the woodwork twice.

The benchmark for Graham's experimentation is Ginola, who has been instructed to curb the ballroom dancing excesses of his play and in-stead release the ball at the earliest opportunity. Ginola has been a star pupil and his quick thinking and accuracy had un-done many a side in the FA Carling Premiership this season. But Ginola reverted to his old molecular structure on Sarurday and, although his twists and turns were entertaining Graham must have seen his new, strong Tottenham incheeds d

ing before his eyes. He's just a joy to watch isn't he? As long as we're five up. I don't mind." Graham said, and that is as includent as he will probably ever get. Graham was more im-

pressed with the determination of Steffen Iversen, who was not expected to have recovered fully from a broken jaw but wanted to play. Iversen scored twice and set up Spurs' lifth and, for all Cinola's gyrations, was probably the man of the match.

For a team such as Watland, who stand a realistic chance of winning promotion to the Premiership, the FA Cup gives them a taste of what a new life would be like. But to areue that this cup he revealed how they would cope is as fatuous



Anderton, left, celebrates

showed how Leeds United would fare if relegated to the Poorball Conference.

It must have been Cup nerves that led to Steve Palmers ridiculous hand ball, which resulted in a penalty and gave Touenham a 2-1 lead 13 minutes after Watford's ex-cellent start. Micah Hyde's equally ridiculous clearance. which set up Nielsen's goal, gave Tottenham the psychological advantage and killed the game off when a giant-killing

was still on the cards. With more investment, Watford could survive as well as Wimbledon have at the highest level. Taylor said the fans might prefer Watford to stay where they are if life there comprised 5-2 defeats. Of course,

he was only joking. he Was Only Joking.

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Johnson, P Kennedy — G Nost-Williams, A
Smart (sub: N Wright, 56).

Referee: P Jones

tional occasions, it must be seen as a The vocal encouragement of those blot on Villa's recent history that fans will be called to more important their seventh FA Cup triumph occurred as long ago as 1957. Gregory. purpose in the desperate weeks

BY RICHARD HOBSON

WARREN JOYCE, the Hull City a distraction while John Gregory, his counterpart at Aston Villa, felt confident enough to rest Dion Dublin, his leading scorer. A sense of inevitability prevailed and, while the 6,000 travelling supporters from Humberside might have enjoyed a day out, as far as romance was concerned this tie equated to a wet afternoon at the

Hull did not disgrace themselves. but nor did they suggest that Villa Park might be staging the biggest shock of the FA Cup third round. head as they try to recover a deficit of six points to retain their Nationwide League status.

Villa also have more urgent business. When Gregor Rioch clattered into Steve Watson to earn a booking after just seven seconds. Gregory must have feared the potential cost to his prospects in the FA Carling Premiership. The fact that his side, shorn of Bosnich. Thompson, Merson and Taylor through injury, emerged with all limbs still attached

represented a considerable relief: For a club that has won the League Cup in its various guises five times and reached the final on two addi-

typically, put it more bluntly. "An outrage," he huffed. You wonder what language he would have used had his side succambed on Saturday.

Villa's doors are closed to humble visitors

Any such prospect was removed in the 45th minute, when Lee Hendrie flicked on Watson's pass for Stan Colhymore to place eleverly beyond Wilson with his second touch. The tension that had manifested itself from the stands only briefly, when Wright curied a free kick out of play a little earlier, now dissipated.

Six minutes into the second half. Hull, for once, were caught with too many players upfield. Scimeca and Hendrie made prime use of the space before Collymore checked on to his right foot and crossed perfectly for Julian Joachim to head into the net. Then, with 66 minutes gone, Collymore scored for a second time. sweeping in a low centre by Joachim to end another counter-attack.

at Middlesbrough on Saturday is hard to call. Gregory offered a cine by suggesting that Collymore should have completed a hat-trick while praising Joachim. Though quicker of mind and slicker of movement, Villa failed to reach a state of complete domination. The midfield carried the hall so far before losing that momentum by turning backwards or sideways. Much as Watson foraged along the right flank, only Hendrie

golden shirts with an incisive pass. It is foolish to interpret too much from this contest: Villa no more resemble Scarborough than Hull do Manchester United. Yet Joyce still felt frustrated at similarities with re-Whether Joachim or Collymore cent league games. "The effort and commitment is there," he sald, "but now we need little things on top to stay up - like finding somebody who can score 20 goals in the rest of the season." He does, too.

possessed the vision to split a wall of

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2), M Colors — U Bridgu, G Southgate, G Barry.— S Walson (sub: G Charlee, Garrin), R Somaca, M Disper (sub: S Grayaron, 58), L Handrie (sub: A Lescott, 75), A Wright.— S Collymora, J Joacham

HRLL CTTY (3.5-2) S Wilson — M Edwards, J White, R Dewhurst — M Greaves (sub' R Peacook, 54), D D'Aura, W Joyce (sub' S Hawas, BS), D Brown tsub' B McGrey, 54), G Riboth — C Faultonbridge, B Mortey

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Newcastle curse haunts Gullit

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By George Caulkin

WITHIN the confines of every football club, there will be a section of support that resolutely refuses to see the bright side of life. Even among those who profess to follow successful teams, every match won and each trophy hoisted merely provoke a shudder of terror. how nearer comes the turn of the wheel when defeat or disillusion become the norm.

Manchester United may be by far the most successful team of the decade, but watch for the wince when the Champions' League is brought up in casual conversation. See how the toes of Liverpool fans curl when the soaring heights of the 1980s are contrasted with recent, barren seasons. Even Arsenal supporters - fresh from the Double - have been heard to mutter about a lack of

progress.
It should be no surprise. then, that followers of Newcastle United should consider themselves proud specimens of this pessimistic breed. The dub has won nothing meaningful since the Fairs Cup in 1969 and nothing domestically since the dying embers of the Jackie Milburn era. The past few years have contained more peaks and troughs than a cartographer's office. It has taken Ruud Gullit five months to acquaint himself fully with this conspiracy theory and he is now a wholesale convert.

There is a curse on this club," he said after this breathless victory, talking of "events flipping out of my hands," of a and suspensions, of thwarted ambitions in the transfer market. The alternative to this explanation is a good deal less palatable: that Newcastle are rotten from top down, that the uncertainty regarding the dub's future ownership is mirrored by a team racked by negative equity.

No sooner had the news of

the impeding absence of Duncan Ferguson for up to eight weeks with a groin problem be gun to filter through, then Gul-lit found his resources stretched still further. Within 16 minutes against Palace, Shay Given was sent off for a debatable handling offence - that Palace then scored with a header by Lee Bradbury only added fuel to Gullit's ire.

These perceived injustices whipped St James' Park into something of a frenzy. United equalised three minutes inside the second half, Alan Shearer touching on a long punt for Gary Speed to unleash a robust shot, and took a winning lead when the England captain controlled and converted a cross from the left. Their dominance was reflected by two more shots hacked off the line.

"One of my staff told me af-terwards that he wanted to go home to bed because he felt so drained by the game," Gullit said. Those whose fate it is to follow Oxford United, Portsmouth or Hull City would settle for a jinx as benevolent

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Leicester reaping reward for O'Neill's loyalty try's most fearsome opponents, and Robinson's strike before half-time, to keep O'Neill, but the rewards have

Leicester City Birmingham City.....

By Ketth Pike

WHEN Martin O'Neill turned his back on Nottingham Forest in order to finish the job he had started with Wycombe Wanderers, there were plenty who doubted his sanity as well as his ambition. They said the same this season when he resisted Leeds United. But in an age in which loyalty is a negotiable commodity. O'Neill cuts an impressive, if rare, figure. Leicester City may have been forced to offer an improved deal to

been rapid: their best players have followed his example by pledging their futures to the club, Europe beckons via both the FA Carling Premiership and Worthington Cup and now an awkward FA Cup third-round hurdle has been cleared with unexpected

There are very few managers who enjoy the glow of victory more. Even the most modest of displays can launch him into the realms of ecsta-sy, so after seeing Birmingham City eclipsed, O'Neill's juices were flowing. He would not swap Lennon and fzet, his central midfield partnership, for Vieira and Petit; Guppy is

the best left-sided player in the country; Heskey will eventually lead the England attack "as surely as day follows night". The performance? "Fantastic. Magnificent." Wembley? "I'll book my ticket now."

None of O'Neill's claims, though, are entirely fanciful. Lennon: dropping off his markers to set attacks in motion with the quality and range of his passing, is probably as good a midfield player as there is in the Premiership at the moment. If Heskey is not quite in Michael Owen's class, on this form, he is not too far behind. By adding subtlety to his pace and immense power. Heskey, still only 20, has developed into one of the coun-

Birmingham had no answer to him on Saturday. Leicester's opening goal, by Sinclair, and their third, by Cottee, both owed everything to the definess and vision that Heskey showed in the build-up.

"There has been a huge improve-ment in Emile's game," O'Neill said. "I think he has done the right thing to stay here and learn his trade and ig-nore the pot of gold eisewhere. He has a fantastic attitude.".

Leicester's fourth goal was another cracker, Ellion's 50-yard pass and an unselfish run by Ullathorne — who had earlier scored No 2 — being matched by Guppy's curling finish.

reduce the deficit to 2-1, had given Birmingham some hope, but they had admitted defeat long before Adebola volleyed a consolation second. We have played against one or two very good teams in our division.

but none of them compare with Leicester." Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager, conceded.

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Ilic takes leave of his senses as Charlton fold yet again

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BY MARTIN WOODS

AFTER only his sixth game in charge, Jack Walker's appoint-ment of Brian Kidd as the Blackburn Rovers manager would already have won Napoleon's seal of approval. The little emperor's preference for those who were above all lucky would strike a chord with the Blackburn benefactor after watching Kidd's side beat a hapless Charlton Athletic for the second time in a month at Ewood Park.

In the FA Carling Premiership game, Charlton lost to Kevin Davies's first goal for Rovers, remembered for being a touch fortunate. This time Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, had to endure anoth-er performance that not only contained the usual chronic

his goalkeeper, Sasa Ilic, to be prone to the premature evacuation of his goal.

With the rain sweeping down over a half-full Ewood Park, and with four minutes left - not counting three minutes of stoppage time - Charlton won only their second corner and llic raced up to the



farce that ended with the ball in the back of the Charlton net for the second time - Davies had earlier been gifted the home side's first Kinsella's corner was cleared by Wilcox to Gillespie, who dribbled up-field while Ilic began his for-lorn sprint of retreat to his own goalmouth. Gillespie found Wilcox and he drilled

the ball home. We weren't prepared for what flic did and we've never done it before. I'm just appalled. Curbishley said after this, their eighth consecutive defeat. As Napoleon would advise, you cannot prepare for lady luck. PELLACKOURNIN ROVERS 44-4-27: J Floor — S Parse, S Henchez, M Broomes, G Cron — K Galespie, B McKhildy, D Marcolin (subr D Durn, Barral), J Walson — K Dawles, K Galacher (subr D Durf, 63)

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (9-5-2): Site: — C-Tile (sub: Mitomes, 63), Ribule, E Youds — D Mes (sub: S Mexicor, 77), S Pather Fub. M Bright, 63), M Kneels, N Redeem, C Powel — J Robinson, A Hunt.

Coventry survive onslaught to reach seventh heaven

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

ANYONE not at Highfield Road on Saturday could be forgiven for assuming that this FA Cup third-round result represented a ruthless assertion of the superiority of the FA Carling Premiership. albeit its lower reaches, over the equivalent depths of the Nationwide League second

division.

And so it did, for the final hour or so - yet one cannot help wondering what might have happened if Macries-field Town had scored during an opening 25 minutes when, urged on by a large and noisy crowd, they took the game to their more illustrious hosts. At that stage, Coventry City, on the tenth anniversary of a fapinned back by opponents who clearly relished the occasion, would probably have settied for any sort of passage to

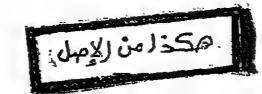
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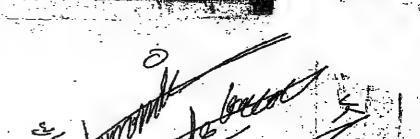
However, once Steve Froggatt's Zith-minute run put Coventry ahead, the roof fell in on Macclesfield. Further goals arrived before the break, Noel-Whelan headed a second and

tickerby: hat-trick

Steve Payne sliced Froggatt's the stroke of half-time.

After the restart, Coventry ran away with it. Damen ; yards on the hour, then took a return pass from John Aloisi before slipping a fifth under the advancing Ryan Price ten minutes later. George Boat in eng scored the best goal of the match. Winning the ball in his own half, he passed to Huckerby on the right and ran half the length of the field before meeting the cross with a diving header. Huckerby scored his third, and Coven-Stored his third, and Cover-try's seventh, from a narrow-angle in the final minute. Covering Cover-Nason, a Stew, P. Wheers, D. Burone sute S. Stiten. Garny — G. Beston, G. J. McAltser, T. Schwedt, S. Froger, D. Huck-erby, N. Wheen, Garny 1, 44-21: R. Proce-ty, N. Wheen, Edode (aut. K. Duker, 80, 8 Payre, N. Howarth — Jaston, S. Water, 80, 8 Payre, N. Howarth — Jaston, S. Water, 80, 8 Payre, N. Howarth — Jaston, S. Water, 80, 8 Payre, N. Howarth — Jaston, S. Water, 80, 8 Payre, N. Howarth — Jaston, S. Water, 80, 6 Tordhood.





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FA Cup: O'Leary's title hopefuls forced to hang on for a draw against high-class minnows

Leeds discover that Diamonds are genuine

Rushden and Diamonds ...0 Leeds United

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BY OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE last time a pair of jackboots tried to muscle in on a ro-Imance, they got short shrift in the Sound of Music. On Saturday, they attempted a comeback at Nene Park, Doc Martens disguised as plucky little Rushden and Diamonds.

They were supposed to be the darlings of the FA Cup third round this season, but it did not take long to work out that underdogs never used to



be like this. It was cheek enough that they managed to hold Leeds United, a club 90 laces above them in the footfall pyramid, a club chasing the FA Carling Premiership titie, to a goalless draw. It rubbed salt into the wounds when they forced their eminent visitors to hang on for dear life in the last 15 minutes after they had been reduced to

But what gave the game away was the message that the stadium announcer read out moments after the final whistle. "Supporters" club coaches for the replay at Elland Road a week on Tuesday will leave at.
3.15 and 3.30," he said.

This story, you see, is not a true romance because Rushden and Diamonds are not ie minnows. They are a fine erub, staffed by courteous, helpful, hospitable people and



Foster, right, who squandered chances for Rushden and Diamonds, pushes forward while O'Leary, left, and Talbot, the opposing managers, embrace after the final whistle

owned by the sofily-spoken. They have goals. And there is and unassuming Dr Martens a very important difference, multimillionaire, Max Griggs.

This game against Leeds They heaped credit upon themselves by not raising their tick-et prices. But nothing about them is little, no part of their set-up deserves to be patron-

Marooned somewhere in the middle of Northamptonshire they may be, but they are assuredly big boys already, an ambinous, thrusting club that knows exactly what it wants. They do not have dreams.

They have goals. And there is was not the be all and end all for them, it was just a stop on their march to full league sta-

tus and who knows where else. That they had already made all the plans for a re-play, reflected not only on their professionalism but on their pragmatism. Other nonleague sides might have scram-bled to make arrangements in a state of agitated wonder. Not Rushden and Diamonds.

From the Doc Shop, a merchandising store that sells all manner of kits and casual wear, to their elegant Air Wair stand and the rows of executive boxes at Nene Park, Rushden and Diamonds are a sparkling incongruity in the midst of the Conference.

Where others would have rejoiced in the £250,000 windfall a replay will yield, Griggs merely confirmed the money was not important to him. Where others would make no bones about the enormity of

the prospect of being in the hat for the fourth round of the FA Cup, Griggs said unswerving-ly that attaining league status was definitely the priority.

He even hesitated when asked if this was Rushden and Diamonds' finest hour. He said the various promotions that had carried them from the depths of the United Counties League, where they were when he founded the club in 1992, had been great occasions, too, but that the draw

Leeds had enjoyed one of their proudest moments that year, too, bearing Manchester United to the last Football League title before the inauguration of the Premiership. But if the gulf between the two teams then was a yawning chasm, the FA Cup third-round tie on Saturday showed

just how quickly it is closing. Leeds were the better side in the first half. Harry Kewell, the game's outstanding play-er, ghosted past defenders at will and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink looked primed to score a hatful. Somehow, it never happened. Partly owing to Leeds's overelaboration, partly to the defiant goalkeeping of lan Feuer, it was Rushden who created the best chances.

Adrian Foster should have put them ahead in the first minute but he could only head a cross by John Hamsher against a post from close range. De Souza could have scored, too, eight minutes before half-time and Foster missed another gilt-edged

Nothing about them is little, no part of their set-up deserves to be patronised?

chance on the stroke of the interval, slicing his volley wide. By then, Feuer had beaten out several shots from Hasselbaink, seen a curler from Kewell drift narrowly wide and watched as a shot by Wijnhard cannoned off the foot of his right-hand post. His feet kept a shot by Kewell out in the sixtieth minute, but, after that, Rushden began to look

Their confidence grew in the 76th minute, when Woodgate was sent off for a second book able offence, and they should have won in the closing stages. Foster, ending his match as he had begun it, was the culprit, ballooning his free header over the crossbar from Hamsh-

The replay beckons but Bri-an Talbot, the Rushden manager, had his mind on more pressing targets. "We're third in the Conference and I don't know if we'll make to the league this season, if we don't make it next year either. I suppose I better start looking over mance, then the traditions of the Cup are changing faster than we thought.

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Reames brings touch of reason

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Commence of the second

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By PAT GIBSON

Fleicher, the referee from Warley in the West Midlands, would have awarded Lincoln City two penalties, both of them would have been converted and Sunderland would have got their fust deserts for persuading the Football Association to replace the appointed official, Paul Danson, of Leicester.

This is English football in the Nincties, however, and, as if to confirm that the haves will always prevail over the lorve nots. Fletcher waved side Lincoln's appeals and Sunderland, the runaway leaders of the Nationwide League first division, progressed to the fourth round of the FA Cup through a six-teenth-minute goal from

Gavin McCann. John Reames, the Lincoln chairman who recently took over the manager's job as well, because he did not think it was fair to ask someone else to run a club struggling at the bottom of the second division and losing £5,000 a week, could have been forgiven for being bitter. Instead, Reames provided an abject lesson to those bleating managers such as Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger, not to mention Peter Reid, whose dismissal from the dug-out by Danson after he had sent off Martin Scott and Paul Stewart at Arsenal in 1996 was behind Sun-

"I think the whole story behind the referee is a crying shame for football." Reames said. "I could have said that we should have had two penalties today and I don't want this referee again. But what a nonsense that would be."

It would be nice to report it was a crying shame that Lin-van lost, but that was hardly the case in a disappointing cup-tie that was decided six minutes after McCann had gone on as a substitute for the injured Scott.

Lincoln, to their credit, kept trying to play football but, those penalty appeals apart. Sunderland had few problems in recording their eighth clean sheet in nine games, despite the dismissal of Williams just before the end of the game for a second book-able offence.

LENCOLN CITY (4.4-2): J Veughen — J Barnett, S Hoirnes, G Brown, S Sinson — P Smeth (sub. C Alcole, Borner), J Franger, T Faming (sub. L Philosoft, 86); P Miller — T Battersby (sub. P Stant, 72), L Thorpe, SUMDERIAND (4-4-2): T SORENSON — C Maldin, A Meddin, P Buffer, M Scott (sub: G McCann, 10) — D Williams, K Ball, L Clark, MGRBY — D Dichlo, N Charts.

Prolific Dale almost gets his wires crossed

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE dawning realisation of the possible consequences to his future security could not wipe away the grin from Carl Dale's face as he talked of the goal against his former club that so nearly brought Yeovil Town their mineteenth Football League scalp at

Dale, released by Cardiff last summer after seven seasons, has been granted a testimonial match in May. Thad a great reception from the supporters." Dale said. "but if my goal had turned out to be the winner, I don't know how many would have been back in May."

An electrician, who lives in a vil-lage near Newport, Dale is hoping to put the proceeds towards establishing his own business. "They're my clients out there," he said, waving towards the Popular Bank seats, smile wavering for a second.

Not for long. "Six goals in eight starts. That's not bad is it?" Goalscorer's first instincts restored. Might it not have been better to have saved his goal to closer to the finish? "If it had come in the last minute, I wouldn't been on the pitch." he

A niggling groin strain and the form of Darren Keeling, a signing from Gloucester City, who was Cuptied on Saturday, has restricted Dale's contributions to the Football Conference club. And with Cardiff turning up the pressure, he departed,

shartered, ten minutes from time, to be replaced by the 17-year-old, Arthur

Dale had done his bit. In a purple patch he first slid in on a cross from Smith only to put his shot over the crossber and then forced Ford to concede the corner from which he scored. Amid the 2,500 Yeovil supporters in a capacity crowd, a red flare illuminated the area as Thompsson took the corner. It was as if they knew Yeovil's moment had arrived."

Patmore, Yeovil's hard-working target man, thundered in a header that rebounded into space. Dale sensed hesitation in the defence. "I went in to try and block the clearance and the ball flew in off my leg," he said. "It was a bit lucky."

If it was not for a last-gasp interven-

followed up with a second goal. The highly rated wing-back, fresh out of the League of Wales, raced back to clear a shot that Piper, set up by Thompson and Patmore, touched past Hallworth towards an open

Cardiff did not fire in the fashion that has taken them to the top of the Nationwide League third division. Frank Burrows, the manager, however, replaced a pair of his out-of-sorts performers and urged his men on down the flanks, determined that their fitness should count.

Yeovil held out until six minutes from time. From a corner by Fowler, Nugent headed towards the far post and Roberts darted in to cause enough confusion to leave Pennock. in the Yeovil goal, grasping at thin tion by Delancy, Yeovil might have air as the ball rolled in off a post.

Nugent nearly snatched a winner with a header from a cross by Legg that Brown cleared brilliantly from under his bar. That would have been unjust - even if it would have relieved Dale's agonies. Yeovil, instead, have the chance to send Cardiff the way of Northampton Town in a replay at Huish Park inmorrow week. Colin Lippian, the head coach,

said: The result showed how the gap between the League and the Conference is closing. It showed how far we really dug in and they deserved it."

CARDIFF CTY (3-5-2), J Halworin — J Echara, G Michell, M Food — M Deleney, C Middleton, D Hal (sub. A Legg, 72mm), J Fowler, W O'Sullivan — k Nu-gent, J Wisterns (sub. C Roberts, 86) YEOWIL TOWN 0-5-21 A Pennock — M Hayfald, R Cousins, K Brown — D pizer, B Smith, S Stort, S Thompson, A Poundes (sub. J Pirren, 75) — C Dale (sub. A Appleton, 80), W Patritore

club made an offer for Stur-

ridge recently, prompting his withdrawal from the Boxing

Day game with Everton be-

cause he felt distracted, but his

First Sturridge crossed for Deon Burton to head home.

then he induced Paul Wotton

into a foul that produced a pen-

alty converted by Eranio — who later missed another spot

kick - and finally he stepped

over a centre by Kevin Harper

Hodges was happy with his team's effort, saying: "Now we'

ve got to go up to Rochdale

Whether many supporters

will make the same journey is

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next week and repeat that."

from which Burton scored.

mind was sharp here.

in the Nationwide League

third division. "It was a myth to have Southport as the underdogs." "There's not much between Sturridge, the latter playing a part in all three goals. One

> The match appeared to turn in their favour from the fourth minute, when John Bagnall, the home goalkeeper, made a superb save from Martin Ling from close range. Encouraged, Southport took the contest to Orient, and only two defender, prevented the home

Shortly after half-time, however, the encounter swung back in the visitors' favour. After an hour, Phil Horner. the Southport defender, was adjudged to have fouled Ling in the area and Dean Smith converted the penalty, al-though the decision by John Brandwood, the referee, looked harsh.

On the counter-attack, Carl

delight. By contrast, Paul Futcher, the Southport playermanager, just about contained his disgust at the refetames in suggest at the reference's judgment.
SOuthPort (4-5-1): J Bagnall — A Farley, P Bolland, P Homer, T Ryan — S Cumtaub J Neumen, 77mm; S Guyer, P Futcher (sub. I Furtong, 72), A Gouck D Gamble
— D Thompson
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M Joseph, D Smen, S Clark — T Richard;
sub. K Ampela, 77), M Beet, M Ang (sub.
A Ingletionpe, 88), W Walschaerts, M Lockwood — C Griffith (sub. A Smiba, 81), J MoDouglad

Everton guilty of another City smash-and-grab

AT: Ashion Gate four years ago, Everton were torn limb from limb by Bristol City in an FA Cup fourth-round fie, some-how survived and then sneaked a late winner. It was a travesty of a result, an injustice of the cruellest kind. Everton went on to win the Cup, besting Manchester United in the final.

At Ashton Gate on Saturday, Everton were matched blow for blow by Bristol City in a third-round tie, rode their good fortune and then snatched victory with two late goals from Ibrahima Bakayoko. Everton may again con-sider that on such rocky fourdations are lengthy Cup runs

For the two managers, Benny Lennartsson, of Bristol City, and Walter Smith, of Everton, it was their first taste of the cup and afterwards

Smith, the former Glasgow Rangers manager, was grateful that Everton had not become another victim of the underdog. "It was as I expected and similar to the Scottish Cup," he said. "If you don't get the first goal, it is always going to be tough. I was pleased when the breakthrough came and pleased to get into the next round. We didn't have too

many anxious moments." Not too many anxious moments? Poppycock. From the moment that Akinbayi and Unsworth indulged in a slap-and-wrestle exchange in the first minute, strangely escaping with only a booking apiece, it was impossible to distinguish between FA Carling Premiership strugglers and Nationwide League first division strugglers. It was classic Cup fare - raw, unfenered and played out in front of a passionate, raucous audience.

City lost it in the second half when Hewlett valleyed against a post, missed the rebound and Tistimetanu, the

drove over from the ensuing scramble. Akinbivi also erred. unforgivably, when Murray's cross fell invitingly and he headed over from barely three yards. "It was a free header," Lennartsson said. "I thought it was in."

Enter Bakayoko, a previous-

ly peripheral figure like so many of his team-mates. The Ivory Coast striker is not noted for his expertise at free kicks but, in the 84th minute, his deliciously struck 30-yard effort flew past Phillips. Four min-utes later, Bakayoko brushed aside Carey, cut in and bam-boozled Phillips with a scuffed shot from close-range. It compounded the injustice and as the ecstatic Everton fans spilled on to the pitch, dancing jigs of glee, the City supporters set off home in disbelief.

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BRISTOL CITY (4-4-2): S Philips — A
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L Carey, M Bell — S hump, I Testmetaru,
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EVERTON, D. LINEWORDS — H. Dunne, O. De-court (sub. A. Grant, 45), D. Huchson, D. Be-Bell – N. Barroy (sub.), J. Celes, 59) — D. Cel-amontan (sub.) M. Branch, 81), I. Bakayoko

Derby eclipse of Plymouth illuminated by Sturridge

Saturday to become the norm.

as would be more reasonable

in a city of a quarter of a mil-

lion people, Argyle's natural territory would be closer to the

mid-table position in the FA

Carling Premiership held by

Plymouth Argyle Derby County.....

By BILL EDGAR

TOURISM officials hope that the thousands making their first visit to Plymouth this summer to view the total solar eclipse will be tempted to re-turn for future holidays. How Plymouth Argyle must wish that the extra 10,000 or so home supporters lured by the dazzle of the FA Cup on Saturday will make a regular weekend pilgrimage to Home Park.

unlikely, however, as the Cup has long kept the league in the shade for Ptymouth fans. More than 34,000 watched the home quarter-final tie against Derby County in 1984, and around 14,000 travelled from Devon for a fourth-round game away to Arsenal in 1987, yet league crowds have rarely risen much above 6,000 over

The capacity has been reduced since the mid-1980s,

Derby — whose population is smaller — than their own spot

Results, tables. Such an outcome is highly Lymne Truss...

the past 15 years.

in the Nationwide League third division.
Plymouth did manage to trouble Derby during the first

half, despite the 2-0 interval scoreline. Earl Jean and the in-

dustrious Martin Barlow opening up a team missing five first-choice players. The threat diminished, however, after a fierce volley from ten yards by Poom, the Derby goalkeeper.

Jean in the 42nd minute was caught expertly by Mart The hosts were worn down

by the passing of Stefano

http://doi.org/10.5-2) M/Poom - SPhoto-n, M Carbonan, S Ehon - A Kozui-, L Bo-hinen (sub: J Huni-46) S Erano (sub: It Harper, 79.1, Carsley, J Laursen -- D Bur-ton, D Shamdige Raferee: E Wolstenholme

Cole bunkers Swansea's hopes of shock success



West Ham United Swansea City.....

BY PETER ROBINSON

GOT home, opened the door, coat off, shoes off. Wife inquisinve. "How's the game then?" Fine, very entertaining. What happened? Draw,

West Ham were lucky.
"What's your line?" If you were looking long term, then Joe Cole made his debut. What about Swansea?" They were excellent, yes, but Cole, they say, is the future of English football "And how old is he?" Seven-

is far too young. You cannot tell bow anyone will turn out at that age. You are making the classic mistake of building someone up before they are ready for it. And it is not fair on Swansea." What do you mean not fair?

"How often do they get peo-

ple writing nice things about them in The Tones? They almost knock a Premiership team out of the Cup and you don't even write about them." She was right, of course. Swansea were magnificent. They took on a team 70 places higher than them in the league ladder, away from

teen Just "Oh come on, that home, and made them look ordinary. A 24-year-old centre half signed from Twenton Town for £15,000 at the start of the season, his first as a professional, scored their goal, which was created by a twinkling 18-year-old winger.

Yet though a rematch at Vetch Field lies in store, there is still a nagging doubt. Will those players at Upton Park on Saturday remember the game as one in which they almost beat West Ham United or as the one in which Cole made his bow as a professional footballer? Probably both. Had he not come on, 65 minutes into a passionate

match, Swansea would probably have won. Tactically, they were spot on and they refused to be intimidated either when. after 35 minutes, a brawl erupted. Ruddock and Smith were both booked. Smith went on to score the

Swansea goal, a header from close range after Roberts had skipped past Potts, but, shortly after, on came Cole to steal his thunder. Welcomed by the crowd like a Hollywood star. he did not let them down, dancing away from tackles like a natural. Had he scored, he would have brought the house down. Instead, it was Dicks whose long, low drive

the Swansea goalkeeper, who marred an otherwise fine afternoon with the mistake that cost his team a place in

Well, it might have done. Swansea may win the replay. They certainly can, on this evidence. They should, if only to ensure that justice is done. Neutrals everywhere must hope that they will.

West HAM United (3-52) S Helop — I Pearca, N Ruddock J Dicks — T Snotar S Lomas E Berbox (subt. J Cole. ES). Foits S Lezends (5 Omoyenn 81) — J Hartson (S Abou, 70), I Wight SWANSEA CITY (4-42): R Freedome — S Jones, J Smith, M Bound, M Haward — S Roberts, N Cusack, M Thomas, J Coates — S Watten, J Asop.

Southport pay the penalty as underdogs

Southport Leyton Orient...

BY STEPHEN WOOD

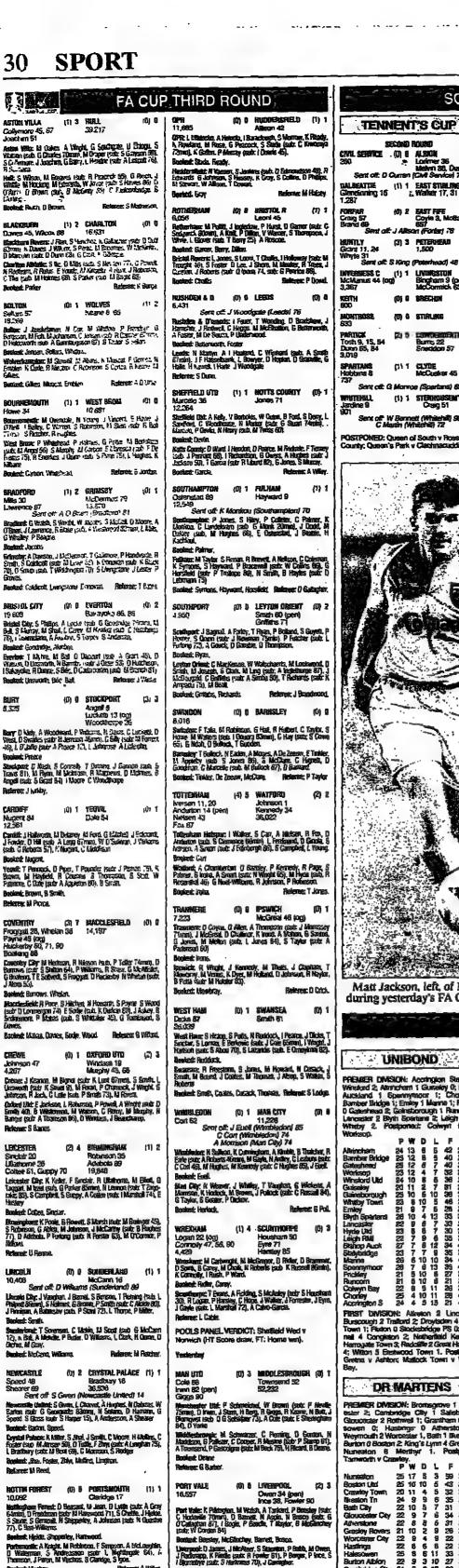
sympathy, no understanding had the result gone the other way. With the rarity of an FA Cup third-round triumph ensured, however, Barry Hearn, the chairman of Leyton Orient, was able to dwell on the difficulties of life

Hearn said after the game. the two leagues in terms of standard and, because we are a struggling club, we need to keep this Cup run going just as much as they did. Financially, it will be a great help to us."

For Southport, of the Foot-ball Conference, the sneaking feeling that their giant-killing act had come in the previous round, away to Mansfield Town, turned into reality. Then they were under pressure but emerged victorious because of their clinical finishing. On Saturday, they enjoyed much of the possession. some good chances, but there was no way the ball was finding its way past Chris Mackenzie, the Orient goalkeeper.

goalline clearances from Matthew Joseph, the Orient side establishing a lead.

Griffiths scored Orient's second and not even a yellow card for over-celebrating - he jumped over the barrier and into the stand containing Orient fans - negated their



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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were thirteen score draws: Cardiff v Yeovit; Southampton v Futham, West Ham v Swanses: Colchester v Luton; Chester v Southend; Hardepool v Cambridge Utd; Strewsbury v Halifax; Torquay v Brighton; Fallorik v Airdne; Bishop Auskland v Spenmynton; Enlay v Marme, Gainsborough v Runcom, Leigh Rikil v Whitby Town. Payous on eight.

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SCOTLAND

Matt Jackson, left, of Norwich holds off Ritchle Humphreys, of Sheffield Wednesday, during yesterday's FA Cup tie. Report, page 27. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths/Allsport NON-LEAGUE AND CONFERENCE

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vale v Godshming and Guildford; Wesfield v
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COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENGC LEAGUE Premier division: Almondebury 2 Highworth 1; Bicester 3 Cirencester Academy 2; Halten 1 Burnham 1; Wentage 0 Kintbury 1. Postponed: Distoot v Abingdort, Harrow Hall v Carterion, North Leigh v Banbury,

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0 Woodbridge 0; Watton 1 Fellostowe Port
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JEMSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: BAT 2 Aft Newbury 2: East Covers 3 Whitchurch 2: Eastleigh 1 Bournemouth 0; Fereham 1 Totton 4: Lymington and New Million 3 Downton 1; Thatcham 3 Portsmooth 1; Wimborne 2 Bemericon Haath 1. Postponed: Christchurch v Gosport; Colves Sports v Hamble ASSC; Money Fields v Brockenhurst.

MORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Amithorpe Weffare 0 Denaby 1: Brigg 2 Hallem 2; Budon 2 Glasshaughton Weffare 3; Eccleshill 2 Liversedge 4; Garlorth 5 Thackley 1: Ossett Albun 4 Saveley MW 1; Pickering 2 Mality MW 1; Portehact Cols 2 Arrold 1; Selby 3 Ossett Town 2; Sheffield 1 North Ferriby 2.

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0; Workington 4 Bootle 0. Postponed:
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Sampras

gambles

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By JULIAN MUSCAT

PENNIS CORRESPONDENT PETE SAMPRAS has taken a calculated gamble in his decision to miss the Australian Open, the first

grand-slam tournament of

the season, which starts in Melbourne on January 18.

It will be the first blue rib-

and event that Sampras

has missed for seven years.

tal and physical exhaus-

tion," thus eschews an opportunity to match Roy

Emerson's record haul of 12 grand-slam titles. In-

stead the American, who

has never reached the final of the French Open on clay, puts all his eggs into the Wimbledon and US Open

baskets as he resumes his

Sampras, 27, warned that he would cut back his

iournament commitments

after a hectic 1998 schedule

saw him retain his world

No I status for the sixth con-

secutive year. To do that he

was obliged to contest six

successive events in Eu-

rope — and seven in eight

weeks - between October

and December. That repre-

sented a debilitating work-

load for a man who has al-

ways paced himself through the season. Twice the Australian

Open champion, in 1994

and three years later, Sam-

pras's reasons for missing

Melbourne are doubtless

record quest.

Sampras, claiming men-

Old Firm fixture provides a break from the norm as extravagance takes over

Celtic able to draw on title credentials

By KEVIN McCarra

WITH a draw that guards a ten-point advantage over Celt-ic, with the winter break begin-ning, the greatest prize in this Old Firm fixture was collected by Rangers. Calculations, though, will also have to regis-ter the fact that Celtic, unbeaten in three matches with their rivals this season, are far from being inferior when the sides come face to face. An atmos-phere of the utmost hostility only proved their worth. Celtic had beard the storm

warning. After a S-I defeat in the previous Old Firm match, Rangers were bound to be the human equivalent of a gale and the visitors' tactics were akin to boarding up windows. Jozef Venglos, the Celtic manager, had abandoned the normal formation, preferring to play three centre backs, while detailing Riseth and Mahe to stay wide and mark the wing-ers, Kanchelskis and Mc-

For a long period, Ceitic hind-dled behind the closed doors, fistening to the roof creak and fearing that the walls might come numbling down. Rangers certainly had their opportunities to inflict structural damage in the opening half-hour. and yet this match, if the noise from the stands was ignored; bore a strong resemblance to several routine fixtures seen on this ground in recent

So grandiose was the billing of the fixture that the text might have been composed

NOSTALGIA can sometimes be more of a burden than a comfort, yet Dundee United supporters are beginning to experience a warm feeling of security in seeing Paul Sur-rock patrolling the touchline once

The talismanic player who club's success at home and abroad: during the 1980s no longer possesses the impish look of the playground with his socks flapping at his an-kles. These days, Sturrock wears a suit, but the influence could be just as crucial.

The Dundee United manager chose the scene of the club's finest hour, Dens Park, to provide what he hopes is the watershed in United's wretched season. The ground, be-longing to city rivals Dundee, has always held a special place in United hearts since they claimed the Scothish Premier League title there in May 1983.

by Don King for one of his world heavyweight boxing con-tests. In the Old Firm canon. this, the public was informed. was the last of the millennium The description had a rhetorical ring to if, but the significance to the players was irrelevant. Once more, Rangers found it hard toil to break. through against opponents at

They were eventually called upon to prove their resilience, alter falling behind, but it had looked, for a time, as if they would require only patience. In that spell, Celtic rarely pieced together an attack that would give the defence a few moments to catch its breath. The decisions made by Veng-los were open to question, so long as Celtic were so belea-

The 5-1 match in November had been presided over by: Moravcik while playing as a forward, instead of filling his usual role in midfield. The same ploy was an empand last night, but it was as if Celtic were striving to fool Rangers with an old card trick. The lbrox side, no longer baffled by it, pressed hard on Moravcik and drove him back into harmless positions.

Several attempts on goal by the Rangers side whizzed around the target, one from Rod Wallace that was beaten away by Gould, the Celtic goalkeeper, and the riposte from Celtic, after 25 minutes, was freakish rather than measured as Mahe clipped the far post with a mis-hit cross. Nonetheless, the vehemence of Rangers had its natural limits and after 30 minutes had passed, Venglos's team were able to



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Gabriel Amato, the Rangers forward, who went on to score his side's first goal, is brought down by Tommy Boyd, the Celtic defender

show that they could use the ball for far more than desper-

Seven minutes from the interval, Celtic took an unexpected lead. Amoruso was weak with his header when clearing a free kick and, worse still,

Moravcik in possession. The Slovakian sidestepped a challenge, opening up the space from which Subbs found the far corner of the net with a smoothly flighted, curling

These contests, of course, are of an unstable nature and Stubbs will have known that his hold on the title of his club's hero could slip away. He was to bear part of the blame when Rangers equalised in the last minute of the first half. Others, too, were at fault, with Mjallby leaving his position to embark on a head-

just begun. Thirteen minutes into the

strong run that saw him dispossessed far from his penalty

Rangers channelled play down the left and McCann dropped a tempting cross into the goalmouth. Stubbs was disorientated for the moment that allowed Gabriel Amato to head home fiercely. The transformation of the Argentinian's reputation, however, had only

second half, he blended guile, as he swivelled past Stubbs, with strength, as he broke through a tackle, that sent the ball spinning on. Then, the predatory instincts of Rod Wallace took over and his speed of reaction allowed him to fire home at the near post. Even so, this was a match that had undergone a personality.

So far behind in the table,

Celtic were licensed to be reckless and their adventure had been threatening. In the 55th minute, Mahe had slipped tempting to recover, the Ukrainian appeared to bring down the wing-back. Jim Mc-Cluskey, the referee, spurned the penalty appeals, choosing to award a corner.

In the 65th minute, though, Celtic did strike. Moravcik's well-executed 20-yard strike crashed against the face of the crossbar and, with Stefan Klos scrambling back after his unavailing dive. Larsson's slightly miscued header took the ball into the net. A game of exuber-ant mayhem had broken out. with Stubbs's header against the bar, after a Moravcik corner in the 65th minute, providing the most dramatic of sever-

al opportunities for either

Rarely has deadlock been so enthralling.
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Sampras: exhausted

rooted in his performance there last year. After a late-season injury in the 1997 Davis Cup final, the American was underprepared before he succumbed to Karol Kucera in the quarter-finals. He then lost his motivation, which only returned when he won Wimbledon for the fifth time in July. Sampras has regularly

protested that he is obliged to play too much tennis in a calendar year. However, having trumped Jimmy Connors's record of five successive years as world No 1, Sampras has clearly redefined his priorities for 1999. He recently conresent the United States in the Davis Cup, thus ruling himself out of the world group first-round tie against Great Britain in

Amanda Coetzer and Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, dashed the hopes of a boisterous home crowd on Sunday when they dis-posed of their Australia opponents 2-1 in the opening session of the Hopman Cup mixed-team tournament. Coetzer set off at a cracking pace and over-whelmed Jelena Dokic 6-1, 6-0 in just 47 minutes.

Ferreira then secured the tie, much to the disappointment of 7,500 fans in the Burswood Dome, by eclipsing Mark Philippoussis 6-2, 6-3. The Australia pair, who cannot afford to lose another rie in the round-robin phase if they are to qualify for the final next Saturday, salvaged some pride by claiming the dead mixed doubles rubber 6-2, 6-3.

Amato screams his elation after scoring for Rangers in the Old Firm game at Ibrox Sturrock wants a future like the past lighted with me. But I don't know what a win would have done, just as I don't know what the defeat has

Sixteen years on, another enjoya-ble day out at the neighbours before their 3-1 victory on Saturday - could put an end to United looking back in anger, and, instead to a

brighter future. Had Dundee won the 101st Tayside derby, they would have im-posed a seven-point gap over their rivals, whose present mediocrity only heightens their achievements of a decade ago. Then, United were a side feared throughout Europe, one which handed out humiliation in the Nou Camp and Monaco as they reached the semi-finals of the European Cup in 1984 and were Uefa

Cup finalists in 1987. Yet they have always fared better

rock's unbroken temure as a United player meant he was as much a favourite son of Jim McLean, the architect of those glories as manager and now the club chairman, as much as the supporters.

McLean took Sturrock "home" from St Johnstone three months ago, after sacking his own brother, Tommy, whose labouring team were recalling memories of an ignominious relegation four years ago. Sturrock has had little luck since

taking charge, and indeed his side remains second from bottom despite the derby success, but just as important as securing a first league win since October was the fact that it

BY PHIL GORDON

This was the biggest game I have been involved in since becoming manager," admitted Sturrock. "It was crucial to win. It has been a traumaric 1998 for the fans and we can only hope 1999 is better."

Back in 1983, Sturrock skipped across the Dens Park mud to torment Dundee, but these days the chubbier figure uses his brain instead of his legs. He dropped Alex Mathie and allowed the robust teenager, Steven Thompson, to partner Billy Dodds, in attack. The pair provided United with a 2-0 lead inside 16 minutes and Kjell Olofsson's sublime volley sealing the victory.

Aberdeen, who sold Dodds three months ago, could have done with United's players walked the 170 when looking closer to home. Sturdered Dundee back to within a point the Scotland player. They slumped spite taking the lead through Jamie Buchan, son of former Manchester United captain, Martin, John O'Neil the St Johnstone forward who missed a penalty last week at Rangers, atoned with two fine goals. Paul Hegarty, the Aberdeen caretaker-manager, remained upbeat

about his chances of replacing Alex Miller on a full-time basis, despite the deleat. It was the team's first defeat in five games since Hegarty was put in charge. "It is up to the chairman and the

directors to decide in their own time," he said, "I know that up until 4.45pm on Saturday they were de-

"Look over the records and see how many other teams have ten points out of the last five games. I remain content with my own ability to do the job and this week I am head

ing down south to look at players. I am really upset with the manner in which we lost, it was self-inflicted." Heart of Midlothian and Dunfermline played out a predictable goalless draw and both teams have now gone six games without a win. Jim Jefferies, the Hearts manager, is delighted that the Premier League is closing down until January 30. "I was without ten of my first-

team squad because of injury and suspension," he said. "Now that we have the break, I expect to have players of quality back when we resume and that should give a new cutting edge to the team.

to fall on deaf ears

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

man, is expected to be voted out of office at a meeting of the full FA council in London an impassioned defence of his role in the controversial loan to the Football Association of Wales (FAW), which resulted in the resignation of Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, last month, his appeal is likely. to fall on deaf ears. Wiseman will face the 91

members of the council and explain why he and Kelly unilaterally sanctioned a grant of £3.2 million — later reduced to £900,000 — to the FAW. A skilful orator, well-versed in the art of persuasion, he is then expected to make a token offer of resignation. If it is rejected, it is believed

that the ten-strong executive committee, which has passed a motion of no-confidence in him, will stand down en

KEITH WISEMAN, the masse—throwing the FA into chaos and confusion. If it is accepted, as widely expected, the: race to succeed Wiseman will start in carnest.

Geoff Thompson, the FA vice chairman, was beaten to the post by Wiseman in July 1996 but would receive strong support from large sections of the amateur game. David Sheepshanks, the Ipswich Town chairman, former Foot ball League chairman and also a member of the execu-tive committee, is highly regarded by the more progressive elements within the FA.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, made it known in typically forthright fashion last week that he would be willing to take the job in a caretaker capacity. There are two main problems to be attacked," he said yesterday.
"First, the way the FA is run day-to-day and, secondly, the council and how it operates.".

Wiseman's appeal Blatter receives criticism

THE BIGGEST shake-up in the history of international football has been launched by Sepp Blatter, the president of Fifa, who has announced proposals to hold the World Cup

finals every two years.
The plan is being studied by the world governing body's ex-ecutive committee, and, if agreed, would herald a com-plete change of international

competition. The move is guaranteed to be controversial, and England World Cup winner Sir Bobby Chariton has already con-demned the proposed change. Blatter believes the present

format, with the World Cup played every four years, is out of date and threatened by a proposed European Super League. He said: "I want a football world championship every two years. Then the national teams will get the rankings they deserve. The existing

four-yearly tournament is out of date. It dates from the 1930s,

when teams chugged from one

continent to another on ships."

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Charlton said a move to a biennial tournament would be very sad".

don't see how they could do that because there wouldn't be time to qualify," he said.
"My own personal feeling is
that every four years is often enough because it's something to look forward to. You have to wait for it and it increases the whole value of it, I just hope it's not based on finance.



"When it comes from Sepp Blatter, the Fifa president, you take it seriously because he won't have said it lightly. But my own feeling is that it

wouldn't have the same attraction." Blatter's plan would see qualification for the finals take place in odd-numbered years when national teams would take part in continental tourna-It would mean the present

European championships format would have to be scrapped and perhaps become a qualifying competition. Any changes could not come into force before 2006 - when England are hidding to stage the tournament.

Alec McGivan, director of the England 2006 campaign. and Steve Double, the Football Association spokesman, both gave a cautious reaction to the proposals, while the Scottish FA called them unworkable. McGivan said: "It is an interesting idea but it would need to be looked at very

deny departure By OUR SPORTS STAFF DAVE BASSETT promised

Bassett quick to

to continue as the Notting-ham Forest manager yester-day and warned that reports of his departure were wide of the mark. Bassett was furious after a local radio station reported that he had resigned after his side's FA Cup exit at home to Portsmouth.

Angry fans chanted for Bassett and the Forest board to be sacked after the 1-0 defeat to the first division strugglers, that comes just days after the club extended its dire run in the FA Carling Premiership to 17 matches without a win. But Bassett insisted, despite

his non-appearance at the post-match press conference. that he was just feeling ill and has no intention of quitting. "I have not quit. I have not resigned," he said. "If people want to think that if you don't win, then you resign then that is their interpretation, but they have got it completely

know me." John Gregory, the Aston Villa manager, breathed a sigh of relief yesterday, even though Alan Thompson, the left-sided midfield player, will

be sidelined for a month. Gregory admitted that he initially thought that Thompson had broken his ankle in a freak training ground acci-dent at the club's Bodymoor Heath complex on Friday, but his £4.5 million summer-sign-ing from Bolton Wanderers was diagnosed as suffering

damaged ligaments. "I really feared the worst at first," he said. "We all thought he had broken it with the way he went down and was screaming with pain."

Gregory will not make any new signings to compensate for the loss of Thompson and feels he has sufficient strength in depth with Ian Taylor set to return after a groin strain.

Welling continue recovery The benefits were clear on

WELLING United showed the resilience for which they are renowned by battling to a stirring 2-1 victory over Dover Athletic in the Football Conference at Crabble on Saturday.

Having hit their lowest ebb. when losing 3-0 at home to Dover on Boxing Day, an eleventh match without a win. Welling had stopped the rot last Monday with victory at

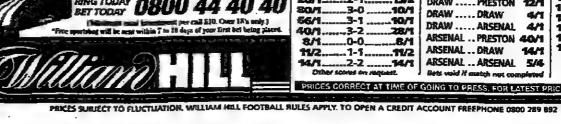
Kevin Hales, the manager, was held afterwards."

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

a book on Houdini. The Box-Carruthers in the second minute and a bad miss by ing Day defeat was a very poor performance by every-body. Straight after the game, Dereck Brown soon afterwards. In the second half we had a meeting for about 45 Brown played in a pass turned into his net by Munday and minutes to try and air our differences. It was heat-of-the-mothen Stafford Browne rement stuff and gave players stored to favour after the Boxthe chance to say things that ing Day debacle, scored the they might not have said if it winner. We can't wait for Saturday now." Hales said. Forwas held a day or two est Green Rovers, beware.

Saturday as Welling shrugged off going behind to a goal by

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West finally take pleasure in home comforts

West Hartlepool 21

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE crowd was barely a thousand, but Victoria Park restr nated yesterday to the first home victory there by West Hartlepool, normally the whipping boys of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, Moreover, it was achieved against a Wasps side that contained 12 internationals who had humiliated the bottom side by a record 71-14 three months previously.

It was a devastating display by a team who had last won at home in the first division in January 1997 at Brierton Lane. their old home, against Orrell. Mike Brewer, the West director of rugby, had been promising a "big one" and he and his charges memorably delivered at the expense of a Wasps side who had won on their past four league outings and were pressing Leicester and North-

ampton, the leaders.
"Hartlepool United get Peter Beardsley one day and West win the next," one delighted supporter said. If West do manage to stay up in their own right or via the play offs. they will reflect on this second victory as the turning-point. Wasps, who have dropped back to fourth place, urgently need to expunge the memory of this embarrassment when they meet Saracens at home on Wednesday.

West's only other win in nine league encounters with Wasps was at their former home in 1994. Last September. they suffered horribly at Loitus Road as the London side ran in ten tries. It was a case yesterday of the biter bit in the sort of revenge scarcely thought possible, until the first concerted drive by the home 12-5 and the London side had spent all but a few minutes under siege, with few clues how to lift if. The second half saw no respite. Brewer led by example in the pack, West's defence across the pitch was impregnable for all but a few minutes at the end, and at full back, Emmet Farrell typified the defiant spirit and attacking invention.

West, a constant danger attacking down the short side. also put Josh Lewsey under enormous pressure by the superbly executed kick-andchase tactic of Steven Vile, After missing an early penalty. Vile put the ball into the corner, from where Philippe Farner grubbed possession at the lineout. Brewer drove in and the rest of the forwards carried James Ponton over the line. Not only was it the first league try Wasps had conced-

ed in three matches, it set the tone for a vibrant encounter. In order to try to stay up. West have invested wisely in such experienced practitioners from New Zealand as Duane Monkley and Shane McDonald. one a back-row forward who punches his weight, the other a hooker, although the scrum was where their one weakness

was exploited. Three times, Kenny Logan threw down his place-kicking ice in disgust after straightforward misses. This waywardness was symptomatic of Wasps performance, until a series of six scrums on the West line. At tight-head prop. Steve Sparks was obviously struggling against Alex Le Cheva-lier, leading to a push-over score for Peter Scrivener, who was at the heart of the few

was reserved for Lawrence Dallaglio as the England caprain tamely punted out on the full and Wasps were again caught out at the end of the half by a beautiful move be-tween Peter Tanginoa and Vile, Although they stopped the latter, their defence was stretched as Tu Nu'uali itia dug out the ruck ball and Em-met Farrell looped out a long pass for Toby Handley, nor-mally a scrum half but pressed into service on the

wing, to score. Dallaglio, unusually quiet. looked to make up for his earlier error after the restart, but the pass that sent Rob Henderson clear on the left was forward. That was as close as Wasps come to troubling West as Vile steered over a couple of penalties. Farrell dropped a goal and late tries in reply by Dinos Alexopolous and Nick Greenstock failed to rob West of their moment of triumph.

In a division that is showing genuine competitiveness from top to bottom. Brewer was naturally delighted by the broken duck at home. "The game-plan was to put the ball in the corners to make them turn and for us to come up with our first-time tackles. I'm sure they'd never come up against a kicking game like that this sea-

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Sparks, the West Hartlepool forward, launches another attack against Wasps yesterday things that Wasps got right. Reivers have too much ammunition for rivals

Edinburgh Reivers... Glasgow Caledonians......3

BY ALASDALR REID

trict sides face uncertain fudoubts about their respective strengths at Netherdale. Galashiels, yesterday. In winning the last of their three matches this season, thus taking the Tennent's Velvet Tri-Series 2-1. Edinburgh Reivers proved

that they had faster backs, more abrasive forwards and an efficiency near the line that Glasgow Caledonians never remotely matched.

Those qualities brought domians were culpable in turning the ball over too easily. "We must have given it up about 20 times," Keith Robertson, the Caledonians coach. said. "If you lose the ball like that, you don't deserve to win." The first half ended with

Reivers 13-3 ahead, but it was

a drab and humgrum affair. The promise offered by a sprightly start disappeared in the mud and negativity that was on offer. Maddeningly, with Reivers enjoying a welter was kicked away - and not particularly well, either.

Even the opening try, by Cameron Mather in the seventh minute, was an unspectacularly workmanlike effort. Martin Leslie, the No 8, was held up over the line when he charged from a lineout in the

left corner. At the resultant scrum. Leslie picked up and drove again, offloading cleverly to put Mather through.

In fairness, a lot of credit for stifling the Reivers' backs donians' international midfield of John Leslie and Ian Jardine, who tackled relentlessly. Only when they were drawn out of position by wave after wave of Reivers attacks, was their line exposed again. Duncan Hodge spearing over near the posts in the 49th minute

after Mather, Hastings and Chalmers had combined to create the space.

Hodge, the victim of a late shoulder-charge that earned Tommy Hayes only a brief lecthe referee, gained belated revenge by landing his third penalty of the game in the seventieth minute and his fourth three minutes later. His conversion of John Kerr's final try completed another hugely satisfying performance by the Scot-

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Understrength Saracens encounter little resistance

Bedford...

AFTER their shock defeat by London Scottish a week ago. normal service was resume at Vicarage Road yesterday as Saracens, despite being below strength, ran in six tries in a convincing victory over their struggling neighbours from

With Wasps slipping up at West Hartlepool, it was enough to lift them to third place in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, but the manner of their win was still some distance from the kind of form that might see them pressurising the leaders come the runin to the championship.
"We still have a long way to

go in that department," Francois Pienaar, the Saracens player-coach, said. "The title race is not as open as it was a few weeks ago, but we have still to play Leicester and Northampton away, so it's go-

ing to be very tough."
Their task is certainly made harder by the injury list. With-out Kyran Bracken and Alain Penaud, their half backs, they struggled for continuity be hind the scrum and with Pienaar also confined to the side lines, there appeared to be a general lack of communica

Gavin Johnson, the regular full back but drafted into Penaud's position for this match, kicked two penalty goals and four conversions and grew in confidence as the game progressed.

It was indicative, however, of Saracens' state of health that only when Paul Turner. their 39-year-old backs coach who was recruited from Bedford at the beginning of the season, came on after an hour did they turn control into out-

The extent of the dead leg that is keeping Pienaar out of action remains a cause for concern, although he is expected to play against Wasps on Wednesday.

Even so, Saracens were just too strong. The players had been given a pep talk by Nigel Wray, the club owner, during the week, but it was probably the half-time words from Pien-'aar that produced the more

immediate impact. that brought them a couple of penalties from Johnson and a fine try by Richard Wallace, the result of a searing break by Ryan Constable, Saracens cut loose. Leading 13-6, they increased their lead after five minutes, Brendon Daniel, a

constant menace on the right

line and was bundled into touch just short of the line. Troy Coker claimed the lineout and when he was held up, Paddy Johns, a half-time replacement, scooped up and

allagher keeping keeping

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Three minutes later, when Daniel danced his way through four tacklers to make a lapse by Matt Singer, whose chip over the top went straight to Junior Paramore, gave Bedford some hope. Saracens, though, increased the pressure and in the last 20 minutes Danny Grewcock went over twice and Marcas Olsen once.

It was hard not to feel a measure of sympathy for Ru-dolf Straeuli, the Bedford coach, who has an almost impossible job in making his team competitive. They have a core of good players but with the assets of the owner, Frank Warren, still frozen pendang his court case with Don King.



Grewcock: two tries

the question of finance and its impact on morale is a sticky issue: Straepli would not be drawn when asked if the club was being run on a week-by-week basis.

There is some light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "But there is still no news on the financial side and on the playing side, well. Hartlepool winning has not helped us. I think people can see that we are committed and that we deserve to be in the first division. We just need to win a few and we have to stay positive."

Miller leads the pack as Lansdowne tumble'

Terenure College Lansdowne...

BY KARL JOHNSTON

LANSDOWNES unbeaten run in the AIB League first division came to an abrupt end at Lakelands Park on Saturday as Terenure College re-corded their first victory in the campaign this season. The win was much more decisive than the scoreline suggests, although the Lansdowne faithful will point to the injury-time rally that might have yielded a draw for their side.

The wonder was how Lansdowne had avoided defeat in their three previous league outings, so indifferently did they perform. Their problems began up front, with a pack that won hardly any possession in the first half: the second period was marginally better, but an out-of-form threequarter line made little impression on an alert Terenure defence.

Reggie Corrigan and Gabriel Fulcher, Lansdowne's two international forwards, were largely anonymous figures. By contrast, Eric Miller at No 8. had a magnificent game for Terenure and the rest of the pack responded to his example, especially John Campbell, at tight-head prop, the architect of the second-half try that effectively won the match.

Terenure's threequarters were much more constructive than their opponents, and Niall Hogan at scrum half gave an impressive display, as did his brother, Brian, who came on as a replacement on the left wing, early in the second half, and marked the occasion by

scoring the vital try.

Terenure played with a near gale at their backs in the first half and completely dominated the opening 30 minutes. But, despite all their territorial superiority, they had only a penalty goal to show for their efforts and it was Lansdowne who ended the siege with a constructive attack, initiated by Gordon D'Arcy on the left

Terenure responded and Billy Treacy's penalty left them six points to the good at halftime. Another Treacy penalty stretched the lead in the 49th minute, but shortly afterwards Glennon,

Lansdowne replacement centre, intercepted a pass and raced 30 metres to score and Terenure's lead was reduced. to two points. Still, their resolve did not wilt and Brian: Hogan's unconverted try in the seventieth minute was a just reward for their determination and tenacity.

Lansdowne exerted tremendous pressure in the closing minutes, but the Terenure defence held firm to record a de-

our season," Miller said: That remains to be seen, but in the meantime, Lansdowne's defeat sees Ballymena go top of the first divisio after they beat Clontarf 40-17 at Castle Ave-

Sloman steadies Ryan aims to lift Bristol Barnstaple path

Gloucester Old Boys

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

EVEN the most ardent of Barnstaple supporters found it hard to accept that this was the outstanding tie in the fifth round of the NPI Cup, but that evaluation was borne out at Pottington Road on Saturday and their side now stand

only three games from a place at Twickenham on April 17. Safety in defence was always likely to prevail over attacking flair and for that reason alone. Graham Sloman, the Rarnstaple full back, must have been stood many a drink in North Devon on Saturday night. His kicking deficien-cies were outweighed by his security under a barrage of high balls.

forward pressure that Mike Foyle squeezed his way over to help to cancel out an early dropped goal by Jeremy Chugg and a penalty goal from Andrew Swales.

Gradually though Barnsta-ple pulled their game togeth-er, and even when Kevin Hemming scored a second try for the Old Boys four minutes into the second half, their heads were quick to rise. So it seemed about right

when Swales's fourth successful penalty attempt crawled over in the bottom right-hand corner of the upright with seven minutes remaining to put his side in front for the second and final time.

BRISTOL; enjoying them-selves at the top of the second division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, hope to confirm today the arrival of Dean Ryan to strengthen their chal-lenge for promotion. Ryan, the experienced No 8 who captained Newcastle to the Pre-

miership title last May, has

been in negotiations with Bris-tol over a role that would al-

low him to coach as well as

in the former role he will replace another former England No 8. David Egerton, who re-signed last week to give more time to his family and his busi-ness interests. Whether Ryan plays again, however, will depend on medical reports after an operation to fuse discs in his neck; at 32 he has a fund of experience to offer on the field.

as well as off it. It is less than a year ago since Ryan won the last of his

By DAVID HANDS AND ALASDAIR REID

against Scotland at Murrayfield in March. But with every Premiership club involved in belt-tightening exercises. Bristol offer him an opportunity to shape a new career in coaching which can start immediately since his injury will keep him out of action for the rest of this season.

He will team up with Darryl Jones, who worked so hard to keep Bristol afloat last season, and Bob Dwyer, who joined the club as director of rugby in August and last week confirmed a 28-strong squad de-signed to return to the first division at the earliest opportunity. It will be a familiar scenario for Ryan, who with Rob Andrew and Steve Bates joined Newcastle when they, too,

were in the second division. Scott Hastings, Scotland's most capped player, announ-

sentative rugby last night after playing for the Edinburgh Reivers in their 33-3 win over Glasgow Caledonians. Hastings, who earned the last of his 65 caps against England in 1997, has terminated his contract with the Scottish Rugby Union 10 months before it was

due to expire. Hastings, 34, said that he had become frustrated with playing so few games this season, having been out of the in-ternational squad and appearing only a bandful of times for the Reivers. He will now work for his brother Gavin's public relations company and is also expected to take up a role with his club. Watsonians.

Hastings first appeared for Scotland in their 18-17 win over France at Murrayfield in 1986. He subsequently player in three World Cups and also won two British Tisles cap

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Gallagher keeping on the ground

London Scottish Harlequins.

By STEVE FLEMING

AFFORDED the luxury of playing an away match at home, Harlequins made the most of the opportunity. London Scottish, who share the Stoop with Harlequins, failed to build on the win last week at Saracens and, in truth, gave their landlords an easy ride.

Harlequins have now won eight of their past nine Allied Dunbar Premiership first divi-sion matches but this was only their second their second away success of the season. Despite the cham-pionship form, John Gallagh-er, the Harlequins director of rugby, refused to get carried away with talk of titles.

He said: "We've got Northampton and Leicester at the Stoop in the next few weeks and we'll be in a better posi-tion to review our chances of winning the Premiership after those games. Our form hasn't been what it was before the international break and it's nice to be getting back to a good standard again."

Gallagher's side certainly are on the up, but Scottish never looked as though they would finish the game in front Damian Cummins, the hooker, started a game for Scottish for the first time since September and gave Harle. quins the ball at the lineout with wayward throwing three times in the first 20 minutes. Barry Irvine, the 18-year-old yly half who was the hero of the win at Saracens, showed his inexperience on a number of occasions with naive decision-making and received some bone-jarring tackles from Thierry Lacroix, before he limped off with a knee

injury in the 57th minute... Three penalties from Ian McAusland, the Scottish full back, to six from John Schus-

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ter, the Harlequins centre, was all the game had to offer before five tries were scored in the final quarter. Kenny Milligan, the wing

and Rob Hunter, the No 8 rossed for Scottish while Huw Harries, Zinzan Brooke OWITE tull and Gary Halpin replied for Harlequins. The pick of the nunch came from Harries, the acrum half, who ran in on the olind side after Chris Sheasby. he No 8, found him with a lever reverse pass.

Scottish face Gloucester at nome tomorrow and will need o show greater application and imagination than this to revent the West Country men aining their second away win

At the season as well.

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Allied Dunbar Premiership: Robinson shattered by defeat at Gloucester



Tombs, of Giomester, whose decisive break set up the first of two tries for Catling, drives through the defence of Bath during his team's victory at Kingsholm on Saturday

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ON THE face of it, Bath have everything in financial stabili-ty, enthusiastic support and international experience by the barrowload, with 12 capped players starting the game at Kingsholm on Saturday. It counts for nothing if the

confidence has gone, and Bath's has plummeted since November to the extent that they cannot perform even the. fundamentals without error. Richard Hill, one of their former favorates but now di-tector of jaippy at Gloucester, talked of the psychology of the team after watching his players inflict a sixth successive Allied Dunbar Premiership defeat on their fading West Country rivals. Everyone

always wanted to beat Bath. perennial cup-holders and eague champions, but few were good enough to do so; that desire remains but Bath, like an ageing stag, are no longer good enough to fend them off and find themselves clawed down.

The mystique of success is nothing more than a memory, revived only for a few flickering minutes in the second half when Adédayo Adebayo

Bath struggling to keep heads above water

backs found an element of continuity. But there is no general to marshal them, no one to. offer variety and their core players, those upon whom Andy Robinson relies most — Phil de Glanville, Dan Lyle, Jeremy Guscott — are either out of action, out of form or, as in the case of Guscott, one of the most heavily marked men ...

in rugby.
"I feel for Andy," Hill said of the Bath coach. "He was brave enough to take on the poiit was, because when the game went professional there was only one way Bath could go and that was down. At some stage they will have to rebuild and Andy ought to be given the chance to do it. He will learn different coaching and man-management skills in this situation and if he were asked to move on, another

"club would benefit." Robinson acknowledges that he has never been at a lower ebb during his 13 years with

Bath as player and coach. He believes he has the support of the management board and club owner. Andrew Brownsword, and that his squad has the ability to break the downward spiral, but this week could leave his season completely aimless. He must travel to Sale tomorrow, in the Premiership, without Nigel Redman, who was concussed and will be missingfor three weeks, then take on Newcastle, away, on Saturday, in the Tetley's Bitter Cup — the only competition in which they

have a realistic interest. Privately he will rail at decisions that went against his

days. Gloucester achieved their highest league win over Bath because Hill has been able to convince a less talented squad that they must achieve new levels if they are to be anything more than a mid-table team. He has made unpopular decisions - selling Phil Greening to Sale, dropping Dave Sims, the club captain, and Scott Benton, the scrum half but now his squad and the supporters can see why the de-

knows all too well how fre-

quently 50-50 decisions favour

the winning team — Bath had

enough of them in his playing

DETAILS FROM KINGSHOLM

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sleet as any coach could wish. After the sorry defeat at Sale in mid-December, Hill sat down players and management to rethink the direction of the club. "We have reached a stage where, to go further, we need extra effort, harder

attitudes, the know-how to nail down wins," Hill said. He is receiving it. The entire team threw up a brick wall in defence that Bath could crack only once. In contrast, Gloucester

day with a huge appetite for

the fray, Mark Cornwell is

playing the best rugby of his

career at lock and in Neil Me-

Carthy and Chris Fortey, Hill

has two players who typify the old Gloucester, technically adroit and full of heart.

McCarthy was part of a pack

that were everything Bath

were not: tight in the scrums.

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Cauling, the full back, scored two of them and created the third for Terry Fanolua in a purple patch either side of half-time. With 40 minutes played. Bath trailed only 8-0 having faced a wind so strong that they declined even to try to kick at goal, but in time added on they let slip ten more points and, with the second

half only two minutes old, relinquished a further five. Catling's first came after splendid break by Richard Tombs and a chip shead by Mark Mapletoft that lain Balshaw covered but could not ground. The second came when Steve Ojomoh, who enjoyed the most fulfilling of games against his former club, ran a decoy and Tombs put Panolua clear. Catling running in. For good measure the full back punished a missed clearance by Guscott by dummying past Balshaw and Richard Webster and dispatching Fanohua to the line.

When in doubt, Gloucester invariably kept the ball in hand; when in doubt, Bath invariably kicked it. They missed tackles, they turned over possession. They are a collective responsibility and has lost the art of winning, an art in which they used to be specialists. Nor, now that they are down, will they find it easy to pick themselves up again.

took the breath away. Given a

choice between revenge over

Bitter Cup on Saturday and

adding to Bath's plight in the

league tomorrow. Sale would

rather improve their own pre-

carious Premiership position.

Adrift in the bottom four is no

place for an ambitious club.

Northampton in the Tetley's

Cardiff joy tainted by lack of genuine opposition

SPORT

By GERALD DAVIES

CARDIFF will only take a modicum of satisfaction from this result against the leading club in the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Having lost their previous five fixtures. Cardiff would have been hoping for a performance hinting at a more confident second half of the

season, but it did not arrive. The gloss of victory was further reduced by the team that Leicester fielded. There were too many notable absentees for Cardiff to feel justifiably proud of their achievement in beating the premier club in England for the second time this season.

That a crowd approaching 10,000 turned up on an atrocious day indicates once again how more potently attractive these games are compared with the other rugby fare available in Wales. Next Saturday Cardiff will be at home to Swansea, who have won their past six games. In preparation for what will no doubt be a capacity crowd, extra seating has already been installed.

On the evidence of the match on Saturday, Cardiff will have to increase the speed of their game and find ways and means to be less predictable. Too often they were drawn back towards their pack of forwards when, even with the elements providing as difficult a surface as was possible, they would have profited more by running out into the wider

Moore, Kacala and Williams had an immensely profitable afternoon, but this is no reason why Wintle and Hall should go so consistently in search of their support.

Cardiff's lack of rhythm and sureness of purpose means that Howley is rarely able to



Howley: two tries

set himself free. There are too many defenders at close quarters. Yet in these circumstances he still managed to plough his way over for two tries in the first half. In between, Kacala made a decisive clean break in the middle of the field that ended with Sullivan cantering easily over on the right wing.

During an indeterminate period of play, two of the Leicester front-row forwards changed the pace of the game. West came tearing away from a maul to find Freshwater on his shoulder. The prop forward sprinted away to record what was to be his side's only try of the afternoon.

The only highlight of the secand half was the try by Craig Morgan. Clever running, subtle foot work and a deft grubber kick around Stimpson saw the full back rewarded.

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Northampton benefit from forward planning

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

PACKS win prizes. It is no coincidence that the two teams with the outstanding sets of forwards in the Allied Dunbar Premiership now jointly lead the first-division. Northampton's irresistible eight ran Sale to ground and ended a ten-year hoodes at Heywood Road on Saturday. Tomorrow, Northampton can overtake Leicester for the firsttime, provided they quell a resurgent London Irish at Franklins Gardens.

Until this eye opener, Sale reckoned that with an international-class prop they could turn round their disappointing season. Talent abounds in dead leg hardly deterred Matt

opportunists they are, but the Cheshire team were eight good forwards short of stopping a monumental Northampion pack, whose three signings this season have been instrumental in their

Federico Mendez and Richard Metcalfe, both unhappy at Bath and Newcastle, their respective previous clubs. were magnificent in their tight focused driving A hap-less Sale were skittled like ninepins so many times it was embarrassing. In a 14-minute tour de force, Pat Lam's timing and finishing were precise for a hat-trick of tries, which conclusively proved his stand-ing as the leading forward in the English game, while a

the back line and four tries Dawson, the England scrum again indicated what fine half, from directing opera-

Five years before, lan Me-Geechan had just been made made an offer by Northamp-ton and watched them beaten 41-6 at Sale. Their director of rugby was purring on Satur-day night. "I wondered then if I'd made the right decision." he said. "Now, the better we become, the less I need to be saying. You know you're getting it right when you could resign at the end of the season and it wouldn't make a difference to the club."

McGeechan, of course, is not about to pack his bags. Northampton are nearing his ideals, a team whose sum of their talented parts is an impressive collective. They are good enough to be pragmatic the next, but rarely loose or slack. Kickable penalties against Sale were shunned as statements of attacking intent because with a positive attitude you get more wins than plained. The switch of Tim



lock was not so much a gamble as a masterstroke. Ten victories in their past II league games are proof that the "underachievers" label is close to being ripped up. To win at a club with traditionally one of the best home league records and on a dry ground, which normally suits Sale, was, Mc-Geechan felt, another psychological barrier that had been

broken.

Perhaps his one regret about a marvellous match was not signing Steve Hanley, who was injured during trials at Northampton and is the prototype of the powerful and quick wing that England must be looking at. The cocksure teenager has scored six times in four league appearances for Sale, including a brace on Saturday that fairly

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Wayward Archer undermines Newcastle's title challenge



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NEWCASTLE are not giving up their Allied Dunbar Premiership title yet but, if their form on Saturday is anything to go by, their optimism is ill-founded. A two-point defeat by London Irish flattered the visitors; whose indiscipline frequently undermined the side in all parts of the pitch.

Newcastle blamed Sieve Lander. the referee, when they conceded more than 20 penalties, at Leicester recently. However, there were no such excuses after Robin Goodliffe whis- game sometimes lets him down." tled the life out of them at Sunbury. . The chief somer was Garath No 12 but playing predominantly at for Justin Bishop, the Ireland wing.

club place if he fails to regain some semblance of the form that made him an ever-present for England last season, Displaced by Tim Rodber in the past two internationals, Archer conceded a series of reckless penalties, including the three that allowed Jarrod Cunningham to kick Irish to

their fifth win in six league games. Steve Bates, the Newcastle assistant coach, admitted that such copious indiscretions are hurting the club. "Our indiscipline is beginning to cost us quite significantly," he said. "Garath is a hig fella and officials look for him a lot. He has to be whiter than white, but his enthusiasm for the

Archer, the lock, who risks losing his . No 10, kicking astutely to the corners. and, despite the heavy ground, he Newcastle still looked capable of holding on to the 7-6 lead gained by Va' aiga Tuigamala's storming try straight after the break. But after Cunningham restored the lead for lrish, the home side's greater adventure, well served by the impressive

midfield trio of Stephen Bachop. Brendon Venter and Robert Todd, was finally rewarded with an outstanding try.

Bachop's passing ability, likened by Dick Best, the Irish coach, to that With Rob Andrew, wearing the of the great Mark Ella, created space

showed blistering pace as he jinked inside and scorched clear of the covering defence. Cunningham's conversion, giving him 72 points in his seven league games for the exiles, rendered Gary Armstrong's late try for Newcastle an irrelevance.

Despite the Irish march up the ladder, Best insisted that mid-table entrenchment is his target, given the number of new faces trying to find their feet. "We've got 20 new players and are still not sure of our best combination." Best, who reserved special praise for the tireless ball-carrying efforts of Jake Boer, the Cape-born flanker, said. "But if we win at Northampton [tomorrow], I'll say we've

arrived." Dean Ryan, the Newcastle No S.

was absent and is expected to be named today as player-coach at Bristol. Rumours that Newcastle may be sold, however, were rejected by the club's management. More pertinently, Doddie Weir, the Newcastle lock, recently signed a new four-year deal and negotiations on other contracts that are due to expire in May are under way.

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Dreary presentation is a monkey on Sky's back

right at the end of The Great Railway Bazaar in which Paul Thermy, that eternally testy traveller, at last completing his interminable train journey around Asia. is overcome by violent, soul-weary misanthropy as ho heads homewards on the

Trans-Siberian express. Nothing serious. Just a deep and powerful loathing for all trains, all people who work on trains, all people who travel on trains and all humanity besides, "Monkey!" he shouts at the ticketman. "Monkey!" at the buffet attendant. "Monkey!" at some hapless fellow

I must say, I know how he

limps into Sydney. England's performance has suffered from leaves on the line and the wrong sort of snow, but just when you think things could get no worse, we get Ian Both-

am telling us about it. "Monkey!" I shout at the screen. "Monkey!" at the English cricketers. "Monkey!" at the commentators. "Monkey!" at the Barmy Army - I'm all for tolerant acceptance of other people's pleasures, but really, what is the point of standing in the sun for six hours consuming 20 bottles of beer and saying Barmy Army 200,000 times? Monkey!

And the adverts - the adverts. There is a gentlemanly write about television that the from discussion; not really part of the experience. But we cannot avoid them. We even miss the odd hall to see them.

"Monkey!" at the shaving advert. "Monkey!" at the latest Sky promo — has any television network ever spent so many hours selling itself?
"Monkey!" at the beer advert.
"Monkey!" and "monkey!" again at the car adverts.

Theatre of Waugh and so on.

It wasn't so bad on Satur-day. True, I felt a bit monkeyish as the Waugh twins were doing their stuff, and doubly monkeyish at the thought of how many sub-editors would be sending down headlines about Spoils of Waugh and



But it is a fact of life that there is nothing about watching Australia bat that a few wickets will not cure, and Gough's hat-trick was the very stuff of television. Great sport, a great achievement by a man made for the medium. Gough's relish for combat is one of the great assets of the England team. Television needs athletes who cannot

help but communicate their

joys and their anguish. Both-am had this gift when he played. What a pity he is as the brutes that perish, now he is a... commentator. Sky have assem-bled a pretty drab team, and Botham is the Sky-borne em-

peror of banality. Monkey!

I have lost count of the number of replays I have seen of Gough waving a stump and shorting his hymn of victory

the last incongruous and victorious Test match in Mel-bourne What was he saying? Answers on a postcard, please. I think I can make out two of the words, and the general tone of the oration seems to have been that Australia

should go away.

Alas, they have not done so.

Sunday morning's dawn stint was one to make the most stoical person 'monkey'. And the commentators were droning on and on about the competition format for the World Cup. I suppose the chaps were flag-ging a bit too, but their job is to try not to show it.

Then on and on about who will captain Australia in the one-day series coming up and whether or not it would be

Shane Warne. Really, chaps; we have live action — can't we... concentrate on that? Sometimes, watching sport on television is like watching a play with two people in the seats be-hind you talking about the price of soapflakes.

And all this while the England cricket team were not quite collapsing in their usual melodramatic way, just subsiding like a souffle, the high hopes of Melbourne slowly whiffling down into a plate of

soggy scrambled egg.

There are two kinds of cricket captain, and two kinds of commentators. The best ones are a step ahead of the action. anticipating, questioning try-ing things. The second raters

ball, reacting, going through the motions, making a stock response to a stock situation.

Alec Stewart, excellent chap that he is, is of the latter kind. So, alas, are most of the Sky commentary team. Mark Nicholas, shortly to be heading the new Channel 4 broadcasts of the home Test matches, has less of that than his colleagues, but it still doesn't place him in the Benaud class.

Ah well. The Test series has had its moments, and it has been wonderful to have both the live action and the extended highlights. That is enough, really. I'm left feeling just a tiny bit like Humphrey Bogan in Casablanca as the Test series comes to an end. At least

'What chance did this backwater town have against those wide boys of Fulham?'

Nutty charm of dwelling in the dingly Dell

suppose if you visit The Dell regularly, the pleasure wears off. But I was so pleased to see that the advertising board at Southampton FC (remembered from two years ago) still reacts to each corner awarded with the legend "Don't Get Stuck in a Corner . . . Phone Posh Windows" that I got quite sentimental. What a sweet, dingly little place Southampion is. Yet until recently, quite honestly, who had heard of it?

This is what the FA Cup is all about." I cheered myself. "Obscure little clubs like Southampton making a name for themselves, widening the horizons of their fans." Before the match, I bought some nuts from a woman in a shopping pre-cinct. "In London, these would be double the price." I informed her, by way of churmny, price-of-nuts conversation. But she snapped back: "I've never been to London," as if I ought to know it. A salutary moment, as I think you will agree. What chance did this backwater town have against those wide boys of Fulham arriving this afternoon? Well, none whatsoever, obviously.

The inequity between the two teams was startling, from every angle. The Dell is smaller than Craven Cottage. Fulham have won 15 ampton, three. Recently, Southampton recruited Hassan Kachloul, a cheap Moroccan midfield player, from Metz, and because of the low terrain surrounding him, he has quickly become the Matterhorn of the outfit. Evidently, if you add up the cost of the Fulham side, it runs into the usual millions, whereas if you add up the cost of Southampton, it's the same as a bag of nuts. The home crowd is noisy and passionate, however, which is all the more of an achievement when you remember that every time something interesting happens on their pitch. they are enjoined to forget about football altogether and think

about up-market double-glazing. So the fairytale version of this third-round match on Saturday would have found David Jones's team nicking a draw in the last exactly what happened. The Cup at its best, eh? Fulham went ahead after nine minutes with a classy goal from Steve Hayward, well set up by Geoff Horsfield. The London side dominated the first half with energy and invention, and moreover looked dashing in yellow. Southampton faffed about, ineffectually, in red and white. "You don't know what you're doing," chanted the Dell crowd. Evidently the supporters had a crazy notion (contrary to recent Worthington Cup evidence) that Southampton should be beating Fulham, instead



of the other way round. Now, at half-time, with Fulham

one up, it was time to consider what each team really wanted from this match. Fulham are at present very busy winning the second division; rationally, they might not want to dissipate their energies in the FA Cup. On the oth-er hand, their "chief operating officer is Kevin Keegan, who not only adores limelight, but has been deprived of it for some time. despite his record at Craven Cottage. "Nice to be back," he told the BBC's Barry Davies on Saturday

when he hadn't been away anywhere. Southampton, likewise, might prefer not to proceed in the Cup, since arguably they need all their strength to keep running on the spot at the bottom of the Pre-

So the second half kicked off as a more complicated affair, as if everyone had been thinking too hard at half-time, and their brains hurt. Suddenly. Fulham were all defence and Southampton (albeit rather weedily) was all attack, although personally, I thought Ful-ham were still calling the shots. That's unusual," an equally suspicious Fulham fan beside me, said. "A Keegan side with six at the back?" Was this a case of shutting up shop? Or was it (tee-hee) a giltedged invitation to Southampton to explore the other end of the

pitch, and try a few shots? Well, it's only a paranoid sugges-tion. I have doubtless been mentally unbalanced by too many episodes of The X Files. All I do know is that Southampton did not improve, yet saw more of the action: and that as Southampton repeatedly failed to equalise in the second half, Keegan systematically substituted his best players, and in the Trollope — "the worst player we've got!" being the heartfelt groan of the Fulham fan beside me which is the football manager's equivalent of putting a gun in your own ear. And it worked.

Almost immediately, you see, in the second minute of extra time, the hapless Trollope goofed in the penalty box, kicking the ball against Alan Nielsen, his teammate, who was standing two feet behind him, so that it rebounded and fell neatly to Egil Ostenstad. True, Ostenstad was lying on the ground at the time, but it was still a gift. "For me?" Egil said, gazing up in disbelief, as time stood still. "Wow, thanks." And with a rather cunning horizontal shot, he equalised and was warmly thanked by Keegan rather than his own boss as he loped off to the dressingroom a confused hero.



Hayward scores for Fulham but Southampton, the underdogs, fought back bravely to earn a replay in the bright lights of the capital

Well, Jones looked a bit depressed afterwards, so no clues there. When asked whether Osienstad's goal was lucky, the Southampton manager said: "No goal is lucky" - which can be taken in a variety of ways. Meanwhile Kevin ("nice crowd of 19,000. "If 19,000 don't

to be back") Keegan looked suspi-ciously full of beans for a man who'd just seen his team throw away victory at the last minute. He mentioned as often as possible that in the replay at Craven Cottage on January 12, he hoped for a capacity

show up for such a match," he locally as the Saints, you know. said, "we'll know we're wasting our time."

So Southampton's fairytale hopes are not over yet. The big flashy London team has given the little parochial side another chance. Southampton are known

Surely the whole country should get behind them before January 12. a bit like Rushden and Diamonds? Come on you Saints. Make the journey to the Big Bad Smoke on Tuesday week, don't be scared. Just take your own nuts, that's all.

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SPORTS LETTERS

bad language

From Mr A. Challoner

Sir. Foul and abusive language has no place on the cricket field and it should be punished expeditiously by the offending player being sent off. Due to the length of play in cricket, this would need to be done in a different way to that in football. I suggest: Immediately after the of-

fence, the player is sent off the field of play and must not enter it again until six hours of further play has taken place. At that point he may return. If he commits a similar offence in the same match, he should be sent off for the remainder of that match. In addition he should not be allowed to play in the next game in that competition.

There is another ploy enter-ing the game that also needs to be stamped out. This happens when a batsmen starts his run and a fielding player (often with his back to the batsman) deliberately positions himself so that the batsman has to take a course out of the straight line, in order to avoid

a collision. A possible punish-ment for this would be: If the fielder is a bowler, he should not be allowed to bowl another ball for the next 30 minutes of play. If he is

No place for Early footballing achievements devalued

From Mr Kevin McIntosh Sir, There is always something special in your Boxing Day issue and, with The Best League Table in the World ... Evert, I wasn't disap-

But my beloved Sunderland were not even in the top ten. Why? Because the table awards progressively more points for more recent achievements. The magnificent early achievements of Everton and Aston Villa have been devalued. Eighty points have been awarded for a pre-First

World War championship as opposed to 140 for a similar achievement in the Premiership. You justify the criteria by stating that "the Pre-miership has brought the added pressure for teams chasing the championship of having to negotiate televised matches when their rivals

have already played and might have the points in the bag. It is also the age of the high-profile foreign import."

I cannot accept this and neither should any decent football fan. In 1897 Aston Villa achieved a remarkable league and Cup double, gaining 140 points in your analysis. However, if they had done this last May they would have been awarded 255 points, a difference of 1151 I agree that standards of fitness and coaching have improved, but surely the achievement is the same. Please reconsider and put my beloved Sunder-

land back where they belong. Yours sincerely, KEVIN McINTOSH,

4 Torcross Way, Parkside Grange, Cramlington, Northumberland NE23 9PE.

GEOFFREY BUBB, not be allowed to enter the cricket square for the next 30 38 Berkeley Drive, minutes of play. West Midlands DY6 9DT. Yours faithfully, ALAN CHALLONER,

Yours faithfully.

13 The Village, Boddelwyddan, Denbighshire LL18 5UR.

another fielder then he should

From Mr Geoffrey Bubb Sir, Alan Lee spoilt his report (December 30) by describing Dean Headley as "this engag-ing Brummie".

Headley never was, and nev-er will be, a "Brummie". He was born in Stourbridge in the Black Country and enjoyed his cricket as a youth at the historic Oldswinford Hospital School in the same town.

Football salaries From Mr Colin Riegels

Sir, Mr Nigel Phillips (lener, December 28) suggests that salary caps are a suitable way to control spiralling player's salaries in the FA Premier League and cites their success in the United States.

Sadly, it is unlikely any such limitation would be legally acceptable in this country. Although salary capping is con-ceptually illegal in the United States, leading sports are allowed to do it either because of

exceptions to the anti-trust legislation (baseball) or because

of collective bargaining agree-

ments with players' unions (basketball, American foot-

ball, ice hockey).

The real reasoning that drives this "financial lunacy" is a combination of laws which are designed purely to pro-mote economic interests and football clubs who exist only to attain sporting success at any price. The parlous financial state of Real Madrid, the European

illustrates the truth of this. Yours faithfully. COLIN RIEGELS. First Floor Flat. 40 Cotleigh Road

Pallister's road to fame

From Mr Victor Watton

Sir. As Gary Pallister's college RE teacher, I would like to correct the mistaken information contained in your article (December 19).

Gary told the economics teacher, who managed the first XI, to "sod off" and so was expelled from the first XI after one match.

I was in charge of the college second XI and found Gary playing centre forward on the college only had two teams). I put him in the second XI as a centre back and we won the Cleveland Schools Under-19 B

division title. The economics teacher refused to let Gary back on to his team and so Gary spent his college career as a second division player!

Yours faithfully, VICTOR W. WATTON, 15 Bedale Grove. Stockton-on-Tees TS19 7QY.

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SPORT

Ambitious Potter hoping to mould bright new future

THE ancient sport of bowls, which has been going through an identity crisis for the past 20 years or so, has, it seems, finally arrived at its destination - an upmarket leisure resort at Hopton-on-Sea in Norfolk, where the world indoor bowls championships get under way today.

Potters Leisure whose owner, Brian Potter, built a state-of-the-art International Bowls Arena to house the championships, is putting £1.3 million into the sport over four years.

Potter openly declared his aim of making Potters the cen-tre of the world of bowls and made no secret of the fact that he wanted to entice the World Bowls Tour (WBT) away from the Preston Guild Hall for the International Open, which he did last October.

Now he has claimed the world singles and pairs cham-pionships as well — and the new event is bigger and bright-er than ever. The record prize purse of £163,000, and a £25,000 cheque for the winner of the singles, may not put bowls in the same class as snooker, but it is not to be

The field for the singles has been increased from 32 to 48, giving the chance to more outsiders to break into the game's closely guarded elite, and the championships will last for

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impact made by a man with

clear intentions flagship event from the unpre-

tentious Coatbridge bowls club in Scotland, where it was played between 1979 and 1987, to the Potters Leisure Resort, via Alexandra Palace and the Preston Guild Hall, is an inter-

It is as though the game, played by about a million people in Britain and in 40 countries through the world. has been searching for its spiritual home, not to mention its true identity. Is it a competitive sport — or a recreational

Part of the trouble with bowls is its image. It does not know whether it is a cosy recreation for people in cardigans, or a modern, sexy sport for athletes. In reality, of course, it

A glance at the audience at Potters will confirm that most spectators are more than 50 years of age. They will look unnervingly like an audience for Mrs Merton's chat show. That is part of the reason why sponsors are hard to find.

However, it would be wrong

Previous figures suggest

bowls is lagging only slightly behind snooker. The players will continue to amaze with their skills - and if Potters can stimulate a vibrant following for the sport, sponsors may begin to recognise its qualities.

David Rhys Jones
old people watch it. The average age of the spectators at golf and snooker events is manifestly higher than that of

the competitors, but they are not labelled games for old

Almost all the players on the portable rink at Potters will be under 40, and the winner is almost certain to be in his 20s or 30s. The last Phyllosan-user to win a televised bowls event was Terry Sullivan, who was 49 when he won the world title

Bowls can give retired people something to do when they are too old for football, cricket or tennis, but these days no one who takes the game up in their later years stands a chance of competing at the highest level

The BBC has been screening bowls for more than 20 years and is committed to the sport. It gets value for money because viewing figures are

consistently good.

Bowlers themselves do not make good spectators. They would rather be out there, rolling woods down the rink for themselves. But armchair viewers will be tuning in in their millions when the cameras arrive for the final week of the singles champion-

With a new home in what is generally accepted to be the inest residential bowls centre in the world, bowls is committed to delivering the goods as a televised sport, albeit without scandals, controversial characters and media hype that is seemingly compulsory in other sports.

that we will start our week on televisión (cameras will roll on Friday, January 15) with something around two million viewers on BBC2, and finish with upwards of three million," Gordon Dunwoodie, the World Bowls Tour's chief executive, said yesterday.

If his figures are correct.

Lack of snow proves no handicap, as Mel Webb discovers



Driving force: Tommy Carter and his canine colleagues make their challenge at a decidedly snow-free Cannock. Photograph: Richard Cannon

here are some disciplines in sport that require special qualities, pre-eminent among which is the participants' refusal to accept that the odds militate so heavily against them that it is a wonder they bother - Swiss round-the-world sailors and Jamaican bobsleighers spring immediately to mind, along with ice skaters from

French tropical islands and

Dutch mountaineers.

The common strand that links these people is that the medium that they need in which, or on which, to prac-tise their craft is, for reasons of geography or climate, or both, in short supply. Switzerland has a singular lack of coastline, it does not often snow in the Caribbean, frozen water is in short supply in Oceania and Holland is decidedly flat. Yet still these brave souls plug on regardless. What troupers they are.

It is no coincidence that three of the foregoing fall into the realm of winter sports. in which a fairly consistent degree of severe meteorological inclemency is a standard prerequisite. This is the story of another such competitive endeavour. Meet Britain's dog-

Mushers dogged in pursuit of sledding

Dog-sled racing is a big sport in the frozen north of North America, but that is only to be expected. Whatever Alaska lacks, it is not snow upon which to race. In the seven years that the British dog-sled racing championships have been running, it has snowed only once. But it has not put off these plucky men and women and their

equally enthusiastic dogs. Oh, they all have sleds, but they know that they will use them less frequently than once in a blue moon, and even if it does snow, they also know that, just as it was in such times for the old British Rail, it will be the wrong sort of snow.

"Snow in this country is awful, sloppy, wet stuff," J.M. Littman, one of Britain's leading drivers (known as "mushers"), said at the second leg of the British champiouships, held on a forest trail in Cannock, near Birmingham, over the weekend. Deep and crisp and even is what they want, and their search for it continues in vain.

The solution, as it is for mushers in South America and just about anywhere else in the many other parts of the world where the sport has tak-en a hold, is to ahandon the runners of a sled and resort instead to wheels. The vehicles upon which they race are lightweight tricycles weigh-ing no than 30lb, weird and wonderful tributes to engineering ingenuity, light alloy tubing and welding.

Frail, insubstantial vehicles they are, and when mushers and their teams, which can number anything from two to six dogs, are going at full pelt they nudge 30mph. And when that is all that separates mushers from a violent collision with something hard and unyielding - like a tree - it represents a distinct declaration of the faith that

their dogs' hearing the com-

Between the dogs, the huge majority of which are Siberian huskies, and their owners there is a profound rehance based on mutual trust and affection. Both know that the other will never let them down, and it is at once thrilling and touching to watch it in action.

he dogs are magnificent creatures, 50lb of lean muscle and sinew wrapped up in dense, sleek coats of grey and black and white. Capable of pulling 20 times their own body weight — a six-dog team could haul a small saloon car at the same speed as they can pull a lightweight racing rig - they are boune-ing, barking, leaping, bundles of hyperactivity whose instinct is to hunt. They no longer need to do that to sur-

vive, so their energy is manifested in a willingness to run and run. Littman, 30, has been British four-dog cham-pion four times and is the man to beat again this year. A former track athlete, he has his roots in the music business and makes his living designing Internet sites, but to chat with him is to talk to a man who lives for his dogs, a charge to which he

cheerfully admits. "Getting involved in this goes further than sport." he said. "Owning and racing dogs is a whole lifestyle; we are all here primarily because of our love for the breed. They remain, basically, pure-bred working dogs. but at the same time they love to curl up in front of the fire or pinch the duvet if they get half a chance."

It was a picture of contented domesticity that was at odds with the intensity with which men, women and their dogs competed against each other on a bright, diamondcold day in a forest in middle England. No matter that there were wheels on the vehicles instead of runners, immaterial that there was not the faintest hint of snow. This was sport in the raw, and it was rather splendid.

ICE HOCKEY

Rockman finds life rough at the top

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE Bracknell Bees' goaltending problems contributed to their surprising 9-3 defeat by the struggling London Knights in the Superleague.

in the absence of Mark Bernard and Brian Greer, who are both injured, the Bees have been using Richard Gallace, on loan from Slough Jets. But Gallace was required by the Jets on Saturday and so the Bees used Greg Rockman. 16, of Cardiff Rage, the Devils' junior team, which plays in the English League. The youngster did his best but was playing at least three levels above what he normally experiences and the outcome was therefore hardly surprising.

The two points lifted London into seventh place, level with the Sheffield Steelers, who had asked for the game against Nottingham Panthers on Saturday to be postponed because of a flu bug. In the event, only Tony Hand and Teeder Wynne were missing. but several of those playing were at less than 100 per cent. Ken Priestlay and Paul

Adey exchanged first-period goals and the Steelers led 2-1 at the second interval, thanks to a goal by David Longstaff, who scored from close in. But the Steelers predictably ran out of steam in the third period and the Panthers took control with goals from Si-mon Hunt, Mike Bishop and

Jason Weaver. The National Hockey League (NHL) is believed to be considering opening its reg-ular season with two games in England next October, with the likely venues the London Arena and the MEN Arena in Manchester. For the past two years, two teams have visited Japan to open the season, but the NHL has been unhappy with the public response. The two teams likely to make the trip to England are the Los Angeles Kings and the Otta-

Adams makes most of indoor opportunities

BY JOHN GOODBODY

or many years, even outstanding schoolboy cricketers never touched a bat or ball between July and the next April. Perhaps they might have had some odd matches during the holidays but, for the rest of the year, the game was a fond memory and an enticing prospect.

Not any more. Many talent-ed players now practise regularly during the winter months in the indoor nets, which are becoming increasingly commonplace in schools. James Adams, the 18-year-old left-hander at Sherborne School, is typical.

Last year he scored a cluster of centuries for the Hampshire representative teams and also 106 against Pakistan for the Midlands Under-19 side. Having aiready played for England Under-17s, he has the potential to have an outstanding career as an adult.

However, cricket now demands a more regular commitment than Lord Sheppard of Liverpool needed to give during the 1940s, when the former England captain was also a pupil at Sherborne.

Adams said: "It is necessary to try to maintain one's standard. When April comes, it is an advantage for someone to have had nets during the winter, otherwise you forget what a cricket ball looks like."

This is particularly important now that the summer term is so short, beginning in mid-April when the weather, as in 1998, is often appalling, and cut in two by exams. If schools do not practise in the winter, their hoys will sometimes have little opportunity to hone their technique.

Adams, from Pitt, near Winchester, could have toured New Zealand this month with the England Under-19 squad but it would have meant missing the coming term, including mock A-level exams. For someone hoping for a place at



honing his skills at Sherborne

the opportunity.

He said: "I was obviously

disappointed but going was re-ally an impossibility. It was a difficult decision but one that I had to make." He has still benefited from being able to take part in some of the pre-tour

Mike Nurton, who has been master-in-charge of cricket at Sherborne for 12 years, said of Adams's ability: "He can real-ly hit the ball but is also a sound defensive player. He is one of those rare schoolboys capable of scoring a century. If James is not out within 20 minutes, then you are quite confident that he will make a least 50 or 60, whereas with other boys you are sometimes expecting them to get out to the next ball.

He times the ball particularly well through the covers but also plays it well through mid-wicket, which is unusual for a schoolboy. Like any good player he hates getting out, whereas some come back to the pavilion with grins on

Alan Willows, the Sherborne professional, added: "He is a very accomplished schoolboy batsman but whether he takes it up on the professional circuit is partly up to him. It may be a question of whether he wants to do it.

"Most public schoolboys are front-foot players and are not so good on bouncy wickets. However, James can also hook and cut the ball. We have had slower wickets in the past at Sherhorne but now the new groundsman is making them

After being encouraged by his father, Mike, James began shining in the game at Twy-ford, near Winchester. This prep school has been a remarkable cradle of the game, with one team alone producing three England schoolboy

Recently, Willows and Tony Middleton, the Hampshire coach, have been formative influences, emphasising the value of concentration and pa-tience. Adams said: "When you get to fifty, you must not lose your head. You have to concentrate on the next fifty."

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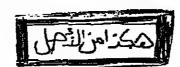
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Golding pays heavy price for mistake

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

SINGLE-HANDED ocean racing is a high-risk sport. The peaks can be of Everest proportions, the troughs worse than the depths of the deepest ocean. Yet reverses are always more bearable if events can be said to be out of one's control as, for example, hitting an unseen floating object, losing a rudder or being turned over by an exceptional wave.

Herein lies Mike Golding's agony. Not only have his chances of winning the Around Alone race disappeared, but he cannot avoid the fact that the awful and un-

Latest positions

expected turn of events that put him out of the race happened as a direct result of his own mistake. It would not be an exaggeration to say the former BT Global Challenge winner is inconsolable at present as he tries to come to terms with the collapse of his campaign on a sandbar off Cape Rienga at the top of New Zealand's North Island.

Not only was it his error that led to Team Group 4 being so badly damaged, but it could not have happened at a more agonising stage - the sailing equivalent of the beginning of the home straight on the last lap of a Formula One grand prix, with the cheers of he crowd and your pit crew already ringing in your ears.

Golding was not going to win leg two from Cape Town to Auckland but he had a firm grip on second place and would have been confirmed as overall race leader at the halfway stage with a margin of more than a day and a half over his nearest pursuer. All that was just 200 miles ahead when the boat came to an

Yesterday, with Team Group 4 still in harbour at Mangonui, about 150 miles north of Auckland, Golding described for the first time what hangened shortly before dusk on Friday. Irutial reports suggested the boat had hit a floatobject, but in fact it ploughed into a sandbank less than two miles off Cape Rien-

The crash caused immediate and severe damage to the swing keel - the specialised keel which enables the boat to travel faster then conventional yachts - and the main bulkhead, resulting in a rapid ingress of water that would have sunk the boat, had it not been fitted with watertight compart-

At the time, Golding was plotting his position manually on his charts and also was also using electronic charts. The area has strong currents, broken water and shoaling, but Golding had fixed a course for himself which he thought would keep him safely to seaward of all dangers.

"I must have just skimmed a small bank that's not that clear on the charts I have - I must have made a mistake." he said yesterday. "I was probably sucked in slightly by the current - actually more than slightly because I felt what I was doing was fairly conservative but, clearly, it wasn't. I really haven't got many good excuses, I'm afraid."

One look down below and a cursory inspection of the keel was enough for him to realise he was in deep trouble. His feelings then and now? "I'm just devastated," he said. "You know. I feel very emotional about it naturally — it's just so much work wasted for everyone, the sponsors and my support crew.

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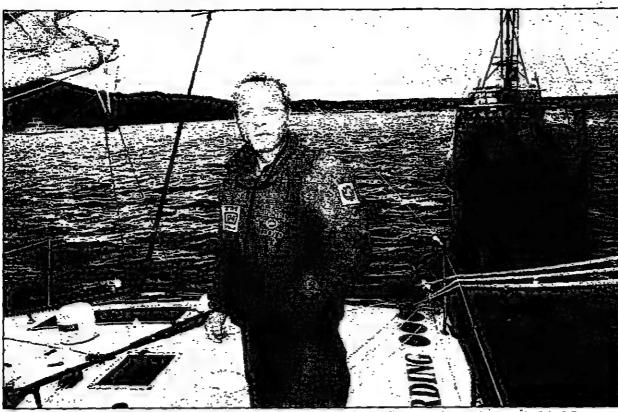
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Wiberg, of Sweden, powers her way through to victory



Golding cuts a disconsolate figure on his stricken yacht off the coast of New Zealand. Photograph: Mark Pepper

Around Alone to gear our-selves up for the Vendee Globe accepting a tow of more than ten miles. in 2000, but the reality was that we found ourselves doing so well that I believed we could have won it and we were well on our way to doing that. To have lost all that in such a really stupid way is just mind-

blowingly depressing."
Today, Team Group 4 is being towed to Auckland, where she will be hauled out and a decision will be made as to whether she can be repaired in time to take part in the next leg to Punte del Este, which starts on February 6. Under the rules Golding cannot qualify for any overall prizes in the race because he has now been disqualified from leg two for

Despite his depressed state of mind, Golding would like to continue if the boat can be made ready in time. "We could still do well in the next two legs," he said. "Even if the prospect of an overall win has gone, we could create some sort of a moral victory and it's still good for me in terms of ex-

panding my experience."

All black clouds end up having a silver lining for most us but the former Berkshire fireman cannot see one yet. "I suppose this is a test of character or a test of your resolve to do something," he said. "but at this stage I can't see a positive

Autissier goes clear

ISABELLE AUTISSIER, of France, was yesterday confirmed as the new Around Alone race leader after bring-ing PRB into Auckland at the end of a remarkable leg (Edward Gorman writes). Notonly did she stop in Tasmania for repairs but she also hit a whale in the final few miles, forcing her to race with an

emergency rudder. Favourable winds helped Aurissier to catch up with her fellow countryman. Marc-Thiercelin, in Somewhere, and she finished the leg in third place just an hour after him.

With Mike Golding out of contention, Autissier now has a total lead of five hours and 57 minutes over Thiercelin with Gievanni Soldini in FILA. who was first to Auckland on Friday, in third place, more than 24 hours adrift.

For a moment on Saturday Autissier thought her luck was going the same way as Golding's when she hit the whale. "I was outside and I had a big shock," she said. "I could see a big whale, I could see the animal at the surface and he went off with my

The winning margin would

Terrell Myers was undoubtedly a key figure for the Sharks, with 25 points last night and 26 the previous evening in the 84-71 win over Newcastle Eagles.

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SPORT

Sekjer hits form to see Cyphers through

help in 1

BY NICHOLAS HARLING BOWLS: Cumbria and THE disqualification of Casey Arena, Thames Valley Tigers' high-scoring guard, hastened Sheffield Sharks to a Budweis-Cyphers, both previous winners of the Denny Cun. found the going tough in the sixth round of the national inter-club championship on er League victory yesterday Saturday, but came through that seriously threatens the leadership of Manchester to qualify for the quarter-finals. With three Arena, a 24-year-old Ameri-

can from Boston, and Adrian Anderson, were expelled from the game, which was won 108-92 by the Sharks, for fighta treble and a four to win by ing as the third quarter ended. The loss of Arena, a product of the University of Maine, was felt far more acutely by the Tigers than the Sharks missed Anderson, who only comes off

their bench for short periods. Only John McCord, the scorer of 24 points; had done more to keep the Tigers in contention for an upset when Arena departed. Six minutes earlier he had reduced Sharks' 11-point advantage to 62-59 with a characteristic drive to the basket but it was then that the frustration of Anderson's close marking got to him.

Why don't you keep out of my face?" he apparently said to the Englishman, who de-fended himself as the pair came to blows. When they were separated, Paul James, the Tigers coach, incurred a technical offence for kicking

over an advertising hoarding.
With no one of Arena's versatility to run their back court and no one to compensate for the absence of Jason Siemon, their 6st 9th centre who was still missing because of injury, the Tigers fell apart during the next five minutes. From being 79-71 adrift, they were suddenly 93-73 in arrears as the Sharks headed for their secand victory of an encouraging

have been even greater had Ju-lio Politi not added to his 28 points towards Tigers' 120-102victory over Chester Jets the previous evening with another 18. His weekend haul of three pointers was a dozen, which was 100 many for the liking of Chris Finch, the Sharks coach, who complained: "We kept on giving away big leads and we made hard work of the whole weekend."

only in the Uni-ball Trophy group game, in which they 79-61, but the league's thirdplaced club, Derby Storm, lost

Expulsion Sheffield

ends to play, Cumbria and Blackpool Newton Hall were all square at 68-68, but the Cartisle side scored a double,

mine shots. Cyphers, 20 shots admit of Folkestone, were inspired by Martyn Sekjer's maximum count of eight — the bowling equivalent of a hole in one and went on to win by 19. In the Liberty Trophy yesterday, it was Gary Smith, Sekjer's Cyphers and Kent colleague who dropped an eight on the last end of Kent's

quarter-final encounter with Cornwall at Southampton. --Cornwall went on to win by one shot and claim a place in the semi-finals against Hampshire. Devon, who fed Leicestershire 40-14 after five ends, edged through 125-122. and will meet Durham, the champions, who proved too good for Cambridgeshare.

HOCKEY: Mel Clewlow; the England defender, helped Canterbury to make an excellent star in the national indoor league when her IS goals put them on too of the first division at East Grinstead Sports Club vesterday. But it was Linda Webb, from St Austell, who stole the honours with 16 goals for the second division team, including eight in the win on Saturday over Landsdown, Loughborough Students, also undefeated, head the table with Clifton lying second.

MOTOR RALLYING: Juila Kleinschmidt, the first woman to win a stage in the Dakar Rally two years ago. took the overall lead in the third stage between Agadir and Tan Tan yesierday. The German took advantage of others' mishaps to win the 230km stage in Morocco.

M FOOTBALL: Everton, The women's Premier League champions and beaten 1997 League Cup finalists, and Whitehawk, the Southern Division side, are through to the semi-finals of the AXA Spartans Kestrels at Marine winning 50. Whitehawk defeated Langford with two second-half goals.

SKIING: SWEDE REGAINS PRIDE BY PRODUCING SURPRISE VICTORY

Wiberg makes up for lost time

PERNILLA WIBERG. of Sweden, made a stunning comeback yesterday to record the fastest run of the day and win the women's World Cup slalom with her first victory of the season in Maribor. Slovenia.

"I didn't think I could win because the time difference after the first run was too big," Wiberg, who was ninth after the first run, said. "I just thought I would be happy finishing in the top five."

ner of three Olympic and five world championship medals, completed the two-run slaiom in Imin 54.88sec for her 23rd success on the World Cup

Hilde Gerg, of Germany,

was second, just 29 hundredths of a second behind, while Kristina Koznick, of the US, who was second after the

first run, slid to minth. "The course didn't hold up very well." Koznick, who cried on her trainer's shoulder at the finish line, said. "Even though I knew there were going to be many ruts, I just made too many mistakes."

race in two years, proved that she is still a force to contend with. "My skiing has been get-ting better and better each race," she said. "Now my goal is to win the worlds in Vail in

By Our Sports Staff Meanwhile, Noriaki Kasai, of Japan, captured the third stop of the Four Hills Tour World Cup series in hins-bruck. Austria, to halt the winning run of Martin Sch-mitt, of Germany.

Only Jarme Ahonen, of Finland, broke up a sweep of the top four places by the Japanese, who had been pushed into the background this year burst from obscurity to win six of eight World Cup events he has entered this season.

It was Japan's first World Cup win of the season, as Ka-sai beat Ahornen by 232.5 points to 226.1. Hidaharu Mi-

yahira, of Japan, was third. Schmitt, 20, who had won the first two Four Hills in Germany in impressive style, faded to thirteenth. "I had troubles with my take-off," he said. "I'm

a person, not a machine."
Schmitt created a course record of 120.5 metres in qualifying on Saturday but took a bad spill. Afterwards he caused a dispute by complaining about the slope conditions and lack of concern for the

Ahonen, who has 813 points, regained the lead in the overall World Cup standings Pour Hills event ends on Wednesday at Bischofshofen

HOCKEY

Reading rebuffed in final

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

VIKINGS, of Denmark, pre-dictably won the DTZ interna-tional indoor tournament at Kidderminster yesterday, but they were made to work hard for their 10-8 victory over Reading in the final. As a national side. Vikings under-standably looked sharper and their dexterity at corners was a vital factor.

Reading, nevertheless, put up a spirited fight and on three occasions were only a goal behind after having raced into a 2-0 lead in the first seven minutes through goals by Slay, from a corner, and Ashdown. However, a hat-trick by Ulrich in three minutes raised the spirit of the Danes, who soon established their superiority. Vikings were 6-4 ahead at

half-time and they added four more goals during their best spell of the match before Pearn scored two well-taken goals for the English side in the closing minutes.

Reading, who had won their group on Saturday, crushed Barford Tigers 10-2 in the last eight and then beat Harborne 94 in the semi-finals. Vikings overcame Stour-port 8-5 in the quarter-finals and then defeated Firebrands 10-4 in the last four. Fire-brands defeated Harborne 9-6 in the play-off for third place.

Slay, of Reading, was voted the player of the tournament and Keegan, of Beeston, finished as the top goalscorer. Beeston won the plate final with a 5-3 win over Hall.

Drewett's labour produces a show reel of angling beauty

himself on Mastermind, he will have no problem picking a specialist subject. I suspect he could say Hardy Brothers: The Mas-ters, the Men and their Reels. 1873-1939" in his sleep and he probably often has.

Drewett, a London fishing tackle dealer and collector, has just spent the last 15 years researching, writing and private-ly printing a book of that title. It is a project no publisher could have risked commercially because of its scale and cost. Yet what Drewett has produced is one of the most unusual, idiosyncratic and beautiful publications on an angling subject that the long literature

of the sport has seen. As with most things, it is easy in retrospect to see why the sometime most famous tackle manufacturer in the world should be worthy of a book. The story of the House of Hardy - a name as synonymous with angling as that of Rolls-Royce with cars or Fortnum and Mason with food is as absorbing a dynastic saga as anything Dynasty ever

It was on July 26, 1873, that the two young Hardy brothers - William, 20, and John, 19, placed an advertisement in The Alawick Mercury" to announce that they planned to open a shop together, the fol-lowing week. They would be guaraniths, whitesmiths, cutlers etc". Not a mention was made of angling.

A year later, they were advertising again, this time as gunsmiths and fishing tackle makers. By 1877, they were 1881, they took out the first of

Brian Clarke enjoys the content of a book to challenge the best of them

they had shops in the best parts of Manchester, Edin-burgh and London. By 1901, they had been awarded their first Royal Warrant. By 1913. Rolls-Royce were parking their cars outside Hardy show-

Over the years, fathers, sons, uncles, nephews and inlaws moved into and through the business, the two brothers kept a steely grip all the while. Even family held their jobs on merit. By the 1920s, Hardy Bros were supplying the cream of fishing tackle to the cream of the angling communi-ty. Empire-wide. They sold everything and made much including magnificent rods.

Above all, they made reels. It was his own obsession with reels that wound Drewett into his project. Today, the tackle room of his home outside St Albans is like an annexe to the Victoria and Albert Museum. Glearning glass cas-es house one of the finest collections of Hardy reels ever put together. Old rods stand to attention on a revolving carousel. Ancient landing nets fan out

across the ceiling. But it wasn't always like this." he says. "I really only begun collecting in 1979. When I first thought somebody should be writing a book about the reels. I had no thought it would end up being me."

In truth, what Drewett has

produced is less a book, more a monument. It is a slab of production, as big as a headstone. version — it sells at £125, but

ble - weighs 514lb. Once past the barrier of its surprisingly cluttered cover, an Aladdin's cave opens — for tackle collec-tors, bibliophiles, angling his-torians, the idly curious and the many who simply love an off-beat fishing read (enquiries to Woodys of Wembley, 565 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HAO 2DW).

One of the boldest decisions

Drewett made - to give as much space to some of the then in overalls as to the famous men who employed - is wonderfully vindicated. The owners of old Hardy reels can now look at the initials stamped on the inside of a casing and the master craftsman who fashioned it by hand. The effect is that an object much loved by the owner becomes an integral part of some other person's life - often a life illustrated with faded family photographs and the



And so, alongside the well sense, the not-always attractive Hardys, we meet men like. William Dingley. Dingley— the 'D' of the reel stamp. turns out to be the man who de veloped the Silex casting real. the product which, with Foster Hardy's "Perfect", was one of the two most famous designs the company ever produced. Joe Johnson (J.A.J.), the solver. of knotty problems and the builder of "specials" is there-So is the great Arthur Wall, whose initials A.H.W. adorn some of the finest reels still

turning today.
All of it, though, is mere garnish to the reels themselves all superbly photographed from inside and out, in whole and in part by Drewer's collaborator. David Wasser There are the fly reels the first trepins, the multipliers are the freshwater rethe sea reels. There are ment, lists of patents a duction records. Humbulling scattered like groundbast none more delicious than the photograph of a Monsiein cantelle standing in a hole on the Western From a throwaway caption tell this was the man who. time to write an article 🕏 Fishing Gazette in 1915 of The Effects of Shrapnel and She

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Sekjerhit Champions who benefit from help in long run

LAURE RAMPLING, an Essex policeman, has run the London Marathon for a variety of ciarities. He has raised thousands of pounds for leukaemi, research, thousands more or a children's hospice, and has helped to send a. Britisl boy with cerebral palsy to an nstitute in Hungary for treatnent. Lately, though, Rampling has changed tack, for which he makes no

apology.
While those he has assisted in the past might be perceived as nore deserving causes, Ramiling is not taking lightly his responsibility to the Ron Pickering Memorial Fund. It is a harity that raises money for romising young athletes and mong those who benefit-ed in their youth are Iwan Thonas and Denise Lewis, Britin's athletes of the year. "lerhaps it is not as impor-

tant as helping out a cancer chaity, but it is important." Rampling said. "This is a good diretion to move in. These are young athletes who would not normally get assistance with-out hip of this kind. Some of thesekids are from deprived backgounds. Yu look at the cancer and

children's charities and think, by doing this, you are not help-ing peple who are afflicted in some vay but those who are strong and healthy, but it makesus all feel good to see peoplelike Iwan Thomas do what he did this year."

As tenagers, Thomas was helpedfor three years, Lewis for twoSteve Smith, the Great Britain men's team captain, and Javie Baulch, the British indoorrecord-holder for 400 metres are others who were assisted by the Pickering fund before taking their names.

The numbers are staggering: 54 md beneficiaries were in actin in the Common-With RALLING wealth Games in Kuala Lumpu last summer and anothe 28 took part in the world unior championships in Anney, France. The chari-ty woul not be in existence if it was no for the Flora London Marathn," Jean Pickering, who rus: it, said.

"If hitain was to come away fam the Olympics with

David Powell on the importance of charities in promoting the

development of Britain's top athletes

dozen gold medals, we would all enjoy the glow of that achievement," Rampling said. "I sat on the edge of my seat as Linford Christie and Sally Gunnell won gold and it brought a himp to my throat. We need to help these young people to bring accolades to our country." Some £40,000 is distributed.

each year to young athletes by the Pickering fund, set up in



Thomas: achievements



1991 in memory of the BBC ath letics commentator and coach. More than half is raised through the London Marathon. In other words, Britain's most visual and popular athletics event, a road race, is play-ing an essential part in helping to encourage developing talent in track and field. "It is crucial to us," Jean

Pickering, Ron's wile, said.
These youngsters are 15, 16 and 17 and get no lottery funding. There is a lot of wastage at that age because kids lose. heart as they go from juniors to seniors. The money is geared towards keeping them in the sport." Darren Campbell exempli-

fies the dangers. A double silver medal-winner at the world Junior championships in 1992, Campbell drifted out of the sport and into football when he found the transition to the senior ranks difficult. Campbell returned, encouraged by Christie, to become European senior 100 metres champion last year, but other finalists in the class of 92 have been lost from the sport.
"We helped around 200

youngsters last year, when we raised £21,000 through the marathon, and we will help another 200 this year," Jean Pickering said. "I feel chuffed that we have been able to do so

The 1998 Flora London Mar-athon raised £15.7 million for charity, an increase of £5 mil-lion in two years. Of the 23,000 who ran. 76 per cent respresented a charity, up 11.5 per cent since 1996. "No other marathon in the world has a charity side as large and dynamic," David Bedford, the London Marathon head of

marketing, said.

Anybody wishing to run in the 1999 Flora London Marathon for the Ron Pickering Memorial Fund should attend the find artministracontact the fund administrator, Norman Urmston, on 01992 467712



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Ethiopians run off with honours

MILLION WOLDE and Gete Warni, of Ethiopia, produced superb performances against high-quality fields to win the Great North cross-country race at Durham.

The pair were outstanding in the second International Amateur Athletic Federation World Cross Challenge fixture of the season, which included Jon Brown and Paula Raddiffe, both of Britain.

Wolde, 19, who trains with his countryman, Haile Gebrselassie, showed all the hallmarks that already have him pencilled in as a natural successor to the world record-holder at 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres by winning his 9km contest in 27min 02sec, two seconds quicker than Thomas Nyariki, of Kenya, who was a second ahead of Brown.

The good news for the Britain selectors is that Brown wants to represent his country in the World Cross Championships at Belfast in March. The runner declared himself satisfied with his performance. "I have won here for the last two years, but I think this is possibly my best ever run in this event," he said.

The Durham meeting has also been a happy hunting ground for Radeliffe, whose wins in 1993 and 1995 announced her arrival on the senior international scene, but she could finish only fourth on

Wami ran the 6.5km course in 21min 51sec, 13 seconds ahead of the Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion, Jackline Maranga, of Kenya, and 19 seconds in front of Anne Marie Sandell, of Finland.

Radcliffe, who was a further eight sec-onds behind, blamed her disappointing result on a bug. "To be honest. I thought I would be struggling earlier in the race."
he said. "I felt good for the first three laps, but when Wami put her foot down I couldn't respond and she went away."

John Mayock was furious with himself and a steward after misjudging the finish

of his 3km race. He and Philip Tulba, of Basingstoke, thought they were on their last lap when they still had another to

"It was diabolical," said Mayock. "I know I should have been counting the laps but I was racing to win. When the steward opened the tape and ushered us towards the finishing straight I just went

AMERICAN FOOTBALL Arizona upset Cowboys'

By Our Sports Staff

wagon

ADRIAN MURRELL scored one touchdown and ran 74 yards to set up another on Saturday, leading the Arizona Cardinals to a 20-7 upset of the Dallas Cowboys, their first play-off victory in 52 years. The Cowboys had won nine matches in a row over the Cardinals, who now advance to a National Football Conference quarter-final next weekend away to Minnesota Vikings.

Aeneas Williams int reepted two passes for Arizona, who had not beaten a team with a winning record all season until stunning

Cowboys. "I went out like David did," Williams said. "All he had was a slingshot. I had the Arizona Cardinals, This group of guys has fought all season. Nobody gave us credit. Credit must be earned. We earned it."

Jake "The Snake" Plummer passed to Murrell for Arizona's first touchdown after 12min 13sec, Chris Jacke adding a 37-yard field goal to give Arizona a 10-0 lead at the break Murrell beat the Dallas defense on the third play of the second half to set up Plummer's touchdown pass is larry Centers and Jacke added a

46-yard field goal.

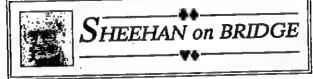
In the other play-off match, the American Football Conference contest between the Miami Dolphins and the Buffalo Bills, Trace Armstrong, of Miami, snuffed out Doug Flutie's attempted rally in the final seconds as the Dolphins ended a three-game play-off losing streak to Buffalo with a 24-17 victory in Miami. The Dol-phins' first play-off victory since 1994 leaves them with a quarter-final match at either Denver or the New York Jets.

Flutie completed 21 of his 36 passes for a career-high 360 yards against the Dolphins. but the Bills were turned over five times. The most crucial came at the Miami five-yard line, when Flutie hesitated as he looked for a receiver and Armstrong knocked the ball loose. Shane Burton recovered with nine seconds to play to clinch the victory for Miami.

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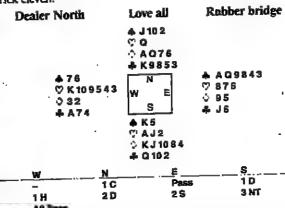
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By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Two good players made mistakes on the first trick of this deal, a godsend for a bridge writer - none of that inter-minable rooting through the dunghill to unearth a gem at



Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: seven of spades.

On the lead of the seven of spades the declarer (Howard Cohen) played the jack from dummy. East (Tom Towns-end) covered with the queen and Cohen won with the king. Now after taking his diamonds he had to play a club, and West went in with the ace to play another spade, enabling East to cash five tricks in the suit for two off.

Do you see the errors on the first trick? As East is playing his partner to hold a doubleton spade, he should just duck the first spade, preserving the defence's communication. However, once East has covered the jack of spades. South should have withheld his king. Now the defence cannot run the spades, but it is not all over. East switches to a heart, which West wins and returns a heart. Declarer has seven

tricks in the red suits and neer's two more. The problem is that if he plays on clubs he may have to lose two tricks there. But if he plays spades first. East can win and clear the hearts.

The solution is to start by cashing the king and ace of diamonds. When the suit breaks 2-2, it is likely that East has a 6-3-2-2 shape. So declarer continues with a club to the queen. If West wins and returns a club declarer can rise with the king. Here the jack falls but even if it doesn't, provided East has no more than two clubs declarer can play spades safely to set up his

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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a. Mutual enjoyment b. Interrupted c. A secret organisation

HYPOID a. Many-sided b. A disease

BEGUINES a. Dancers b. Mendicants c. Pious women

LAMPASSETTE a. A scalpel c. Stage-lighting

Answers on page 43

EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Bunched field

After the early rounds of the Hastings Premier tournament the race for the lead is intense with only half a point separat-ing the leaders Sokolov and Shipov from the pursuing pack in the fourth round Sokolov struck an important blow by defeating Shipov in a highly theoretical line of the Grunfeld Defence where White's initiative turned out to be insufficient to compensate for his lost pawn.

White: Sergei Shipov Black: Ivan Sokolov Hastings Premier 1999 Grunfeld Defence

c4 Nc3 4 mxd5 5 e4 6 bxc3 7 Nt3 8 Rb1 9 Be2 10 Bd2 11 cxd4 28 Qh5 29 Bd3 Bxe5 Rc7

Bg7 Rxc7 B16 a3 Kg7 Rh8 38 Kg1 39 Bxa2 40 Kf1



Manhew Sadler, the British grandmaster, is one of those in the hunt for the lead, while grandmaster Jon Speelman has a respectable 50 per cent. However, Tony Miles is languishing without a single win whilst local grandmaster James Plaskett is at the bottom of the table, equal with the French Fressinet, with two losses and no wins.

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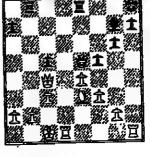
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is

from the game Pavlovic — Karapanos, Ponormo 1998. The black position appears to be the more aggressive but White broke through with a fine combination. How?

Solution on page 43



AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL) Saturday: AFC wild-card game: Marni 24 Buffalo 17. NFC wild-card game: Oollas 7 Anzona 20. COLLEGE BOWN MATCHES: Sugar: Chio 24 Texas A and M 14 Orange: Florida 31 Syracuse 10 BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Saturday: London Towers 81 Dedy Storm 76 Newcastle Eagles 71 Shelfield Shorks 84, Tharnes Valley Tigers 120 Chester Jets 102 'Yesterday: Shelfield Sharks 108 Tharnes Valley Tigers 92

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ATHLETICS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NEL): Ment: First di-vititem: Cardiff C 86 Cotord 80: Coventry 75 Solent 79: Stevenoge 88 Softmi 89, West-meter 80 Cardiff 79 Second division: Bounchouth 76 Finishine 74, Chessington 71 Northemston 85, Menchester 70 Liver-pool 52, Slough 70 Thismes Valley 77, Tem-ton 88 Birmingham 91, Women: First divi-sion: Diocester 43 Naturgham 67, Thames Valley 80 London 50 BOWLS

BBA INTER-CLUB CHAMPICINSHIP
Denny Cup) Stath round: Dorchester bt
Exono 88-80, Cumbrie bt Bind-good Newton
Hall 77-88; Josepach 12 org of By 98-91, Cambridge Park, bt Croydon 86-64, Bladspool
Borough to Notingham 90-55, Deshorough,
Madernised bt Bromagrove 75-68 Cyphers
bt Folkestone 91-72, North Welsham bt
Humangdon and Godhnanchester 83-63.
BBA NITER-COURTY CHAMPIONSKIP
(Johnty Torphy) Durlem bt Cambridgeship:
137-97 (in Ryoddel), Devon bt Leokasistishire
120-115 (in Chappenham), Comwell bt Kent
118-117 (in Southampton), Hampshire bt
Yorkshire 125-122 (in Notingham). SILVER JUBILEE MATCH: Herpenden t Hertlandshire 100-70 (in Harpenden).

CRICKET One-day match Australia A v Sri Lanka PERTH (Australia A won toss) Australia i won by eight wickels oy eight wickets SRI LANKA

S T Jayasunya c Campbell b Nicholson . . . p Northbeum

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c Blewelt b Nicholson

A A W Gunawardene is Dalo

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A Sanghanga not out.

R S Mahanama Ibw is Lee.

H P Titlekestre c Campbell
UD U Chandans c Bleweit t
G P Wickensanghe is Lee.
D N T Zoyse b Denton
R L Penera b Harvey
Extras (b 1, w 14)

BCMAING: Nicholson 7-0-22-2 Date 5-0-26-1, Lee 7-1-11-4; Denion 6-0-27-1; Harvey 0 1-0-0-1 AUSTRALIA A

Total (2 wids, 18 overs)_ A Symonds, State, I J Harvey, B E Young, M J Nicholson, A G Dale and G J Denton end FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-38 BOWLING Zoyse 7-1-18-7, Wickermasing-he 5-0-36-0, Perera 4-0-25-1; Chandiana 2-0-12-0. 20120. Umphrs. T A Prue and S J Davis. SHIEFFRELD SHIELD: Hebart (third day of four) Tosmana 370 (D J Marsh 77 not out, J Cox 77, S Young 76 M Inness. 4-89). Victoria 300-6 (M T G Elbott 134, S A J Craig 100 not out.

CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKES: Salisbury Plain Chai-lenge (55m) 1, O Berkensale (Bless n' Boards-Scott) 2tr 28mm 42act: 2, G Bestiam (Cycle Force-Gard) at Smin 30act, 3, D Rand (POM Sports-Concorde); at 5 40

90sec, 3, D Rand (PDM Sports-Concorde) at 5-40 CYCLO-CRIOSS: Yorkstokre CCA (Helwith Bridge, new Settle, 10 miles) 1, B Clarke (Tsom Raleigh) 1r. Omn 45sec, 2, 1 Taylor (Ent. Burgess Cycles) at 1mm 45sec, 3, C Young Team Mane Cune-Paca) 3-22 Final overset YCCA series: 1, C Young 118pts: 2, 1 Taylor 118, 3, J Wasson (Bardinot Olympe RC) 110 Valo Club 167 (Willington, Co Durtern, 9 miles); 1, M Koping (Cycle Force) 50,00; 2, C Multer (Derton Wild Traly 1:30; 3, R Collector (MTS Cycle Sport) 2:30 Consisty Olympia CC (Hoar Park, Nuneaton, 12 miles); 1, S Kright (Paugot 405 Michaelm); 109:32; 2, G Richardson (unstitudied); 109; 3, P Dison (Paugot) 405 5-46 Crabwood CC (Southarnolio Sports Centre, 9,5 miles); (, B Saundes; (Flargroves-Trant); 51:29; 2, A MacDonald (GA Cycles); 3 35; 3, L Lloyd (Distot) Phoems) 3:40, Forest Assisteur RT (Nots and Derby League, Clip-

stone Forest, 9 miles). 1. N Croig (Diemond-back) 45 38, 2. C Sturgeon (Feam Raleigh) 31, 3, 5 Shoatden (Ace RT) 1:04 Bredford Olympile RC (Brantley Fall Park, Leeds, 12 miles): 1, R Thackey (Pace Racing) 56:00. 2. M Burdingham (Race Scano-Van Tuyl) 2:55, 3. 1 Toylor (Eric Burgess Oydes RT), 3:55 Mentary-Preprot, Eagle RC (Stadi Morrs Park, Merseyado, 12 mãog): 1, Day (Merter-Rock Labater): 1:04:00, 2, P Laby (60:8) 45:3, P Howarib (Zodiac CRC), 2:00 DARTS

FOR THE RECORD

PURFLEET: Stel World championship: Semi-finate: P Manter (Eng) bi S Burgess (Eng) 5-4: P Taylor (Eng) bi A Warriner (Eng) LAKESIDE COUNTRY CLUB, Frimley LAKESIDE COUNTRY CLUB, Fritaley Green: Embessy World championehibr. First round: 1. Weilace (Scot) bit D Cummighem (Scot) 3-0. M James (Males) bit S Peltery (Males) 3-0. M James (Males) bit S Beston (Eng) 3-0. T Harrisey (Eng) bit R Centor (LS) 3-1. C Mason (Eng) 3-0. M James (Males) bit S Beston (Eng) bit R Devices (Males) 3-1. M Adams (Eng) bit M Gregory (Eng) 3-1. G Hunt (Aus) bit A Jeniors (Eng) 3-0.

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Lending positions (eller eight averlay 1, 1 965pts: 2, H Marminen (Fin) 960, 3, F Go wald (Austria) 557.

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RUGBY UNION

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TENNIS

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CLEETHORPES: New Year's Day 10km
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3, B Collins (Covertity Godina) 25:54
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Over-45: J Pasavoy (Massey Ferguson) 27:10 Over-80: P Kelly (Alves) 23:25
Over-46: J Pasavoy (Massey Ferguson) 29:00 Over-80: A Oglesby (Massey Ferguson) 29:00 Over-80: A Oglesby (Massey Ferguson) 33:18 Over-85: G Asthly (Mass Bromsch Hamers) 33:32. Women: 1, S Lamb (Sale) 28:48, 2, T Brown (Oversty Godina) 30:25, 3, V Wilson (Soliud) and Small Heath) 31:52. Veteran: Over-45: S Carey (Nuneason) 32:28.
EPNEY: New Year's Day 10 miles races

(Numerion) 32.28.

EPMEY: New Year's Day 10 miles race:
1. R Showay (Moodstock) 53mm 51sec. 2.
P Kinselta (Cheltenham) 5624, 3. R Mathews (Oke Parki 57.34 Veibrate: K Burke Stourbindge) 5855 Over-45; W HB (Crawley) 59.27 Over-50; N Long (Strout) 54.1 Over-50; B Antwood (Cloudster) 1.12-40 Over-50; D Whiting (Boad Burners; Culo) 12:35 Womers! 7. Source (Cheltenham) 1:10-52. Veibratics (Over-70; D Whiting (Boad Burners; Culo) 12:35 Womers! 7. Source (Cheltenham) 1:10-52. Veibratics (Over-50; D Philips (Gloudster) 1:11 fl. HEREFORD: Woodpacker New Year's Day 10ton race; 1, E Traylor (Pressigne Pac-ers) 32mm 29sec; 2, S Payne (Royal Navy) 32.38, 3, R Richards (Severn) 31-44 Teauro 11.15 (Severn) 31-44 Teauro 23.38. 3. R Richards (Severn) 34.44 Teams: Wye Valley Runners 46bts. Vesterate S Little-wood (unbitached) 36 to. Over-86 to Earley (Nation) 35:49. Over-86 to Earley (Nation) 41:08. Over-70: A Walts (Fam Hobert) 41:08. Over-70: A Walts (Fam Hobert) 54:00. Wiodrett 1, 1. Williams (Swansen) 37:59. 2. V Parry (Museus) 14:19, 38.14, 3, C Olivert (Swindon) 41:38 Teams: 1. Chamwood 339, 2, Northbrook 375 Vesterate A Cooke (Hereford Couriers) 41:42. Over-45: S Kooler (Wye Valley) 51:01

S Kosker (Wye Valley) 51.01

HYDE PARIC National Playing Fields Association New Year's 10km racet 1, A hoke (fitted a firm 5ee; 2, G Johnson Straftsbury Barnel, Aus 31.04, 3.7 Cabeda (US) 32.18 Teams: 1, Bord 21pts, 2, Ranslagh 150, 3, Marked Hill 157 Veterame H. Jones (Ranslagh) 32.55 Own-Sit L. C'Harre (Barnel) 35.34 Womans 1, M Bradiey (Overnor) 35.23, 2, D Sandemon (Wathord) 36.33, 3, Laws (Mussell Hill) 38.18 Teams: 1, September 53, 2, Reading Road-numers 108, 3, Dulwich Rumers 160

KENDAL: New Year's Day 10km; 1, S Col-lon (unattached) 327m 95sc. 2, S Murdoch (Border) 32-43, 3, P Lowy (Larcester and Morecambe) 33-25 Teams Lancester and

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WHATSTANDWELL: Hangover New
Year's Day 5 rolles rece: 1. D Symonds
(Gade Yallay) 27min 55sec: 2. D Yahs (NatJock) 28 27. 3. D Curtan (Natrohed) 28.36
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Phil Harper, of Leek, tries to clude a Harborne defender in the quarter-finals of the DTZ Midland indoor tournament yesterday. Harborne won 10-1 but lost in the semi-finals to Reading. Report, page 36. Photograph: Richard Lea-Hair

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL

Third round Preston v Arsenal (80). Scottish League First division

FA Cup

Hamilton v Olydebank (3.0). THE TIMES PA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Gillingham v Lecasier POCTEALL LEAGUE YOUTH ANCE North West Conference: (10) AVON INSURANCE CONBINATIONS First division: Chaises v Luton (at Kingsto-

PONTEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Wor-vernampion v West Bromwich (7 0) Third division: Cariste v Darlington (2.0) OTHER SPORT **BOWLS:** World indoor championships (at Hoston-on-Sea, Norfolk) DARTIS: Embassy World championship (al Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green) SMOOKER: Chaislying for Regal Scottish, Breish Open and World Champloriship (al Norbreck Castle, Blackpool).

TOMORROW

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions Brimsgham v Pori Vale. Crowe v Neswork Huddersfeld v Bury Isomich v Grinsty. Ox-lord Utd v Bristol Cay. Queens Park Rang-ers v Sunderland. Stockpori v Bradlord. Swindon v Sheffield Utd, Wallord v Port-mouth. West Bromwork v Barnisy. See-and divisions Blackpool v Manchester City (12.0). Bratiol Rowers v Burning: Chester-heid v Colchester; Fullium v Manchester City (12.0). Bratiol Rowers v Burning: Chester-heid v Colchester; Fullium v Manchester City (12.0). Bratiol Rowers v Burning: Chester-heid v Colchester; Fullium v Manchester City (12.0). Bratiol Rowers v Manchester City (12.0). Bratiol Rowers v Manchester City (12.0). Bratiol Rowers v Manchester City (12.0). Bration Rowers (12.0). Parketter v Proton Third divisions Barnet v Datengton. Brighton v Carlete. Cambridge Utd v Torquay; Carditi v Hord spool: Ereter v Swansee, Haidan v Petastocough. Hull v Rothestern. Leyton Chindia v Psymouth. Scutthrope v Streets. FOOTBALL CONFERENCE: Barrow Rushden and Oceanoch

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RUGBY UNION Kick-off 1 30 unless stated

TETLEY'S BITTER CUP: Fourth round: Glourester v Worcester (3.0), Harlequins v Ester (3.0), Loicester v Barring (3.0), Moselley v Lydney (3.0); Nevenside v Bath (2.0), Notingham v Ester (3.0), Rotherters v Leuck (2.15), Side v Northernplon (3.0), Sodgley Park v Waspes (2.15), Waterloov Orsolf (2.15).

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TEMMENT'S VELVET CUP: Fifth round: Gasgow Hawley v Kelso. Hawlet v Go-oughtrus, Hentor's FP Perhalmet, Klima-nock v Musselburght Langholm v Gale, Presion Ladge v Poebles: Sieventry v Kris-caldy, Watsoniana v Melrose

TISNEAN'S VELVET SHIELD: Second round: Arms v Ross High Bowled v Lander, Boy Southern v Gordonians, Invino v Handk Linder, Jed-Forest v Duntermine, Selutir v Hower of File: St Brosselds v Elections, String County v Stewart's Met FP. TENNENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP: Telni division: East Kibido v Grange AB LEAGUE First tibrision: Salymens v Terenate (2 30), Bactooch Colege v Cloried (2 30); Buccaneers v St. Mays (2 30); Garyoven v Colx Coresenton (2 30) Larschwen v Galvegaris (2 31) division: Balynerinch v Malone (2.30); Bective Rangers v Old Creacent (2.30); Dol-phin v Wanderen (2.30); Dolphin v Wanderen (2.30); Dolphin v Wanderen (2.30); Dolphin v DuSP (2.30); Skames v Portadown (2.30). EUROPEAN CUP: 8a Stade Français (1.0). HOCKEY

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RACING: DUBAI STABLE BROADENS HORIZONS TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

Godolphin recruits Argentine star

By CHRIS MCGRATH

THE pioneers of Godolphin venture across yet another new frontier this week by welcoming their most exotic recruit, Lignify, a top middle-distance horse in Argentina, was yesterday confirmed to be onher way to join Sheikh Mohammed's team in Dubai. After a year of marvellous international achievement in 1998. Godolphin has begun the new year emboldened in its determination to make all the racing world its stage.

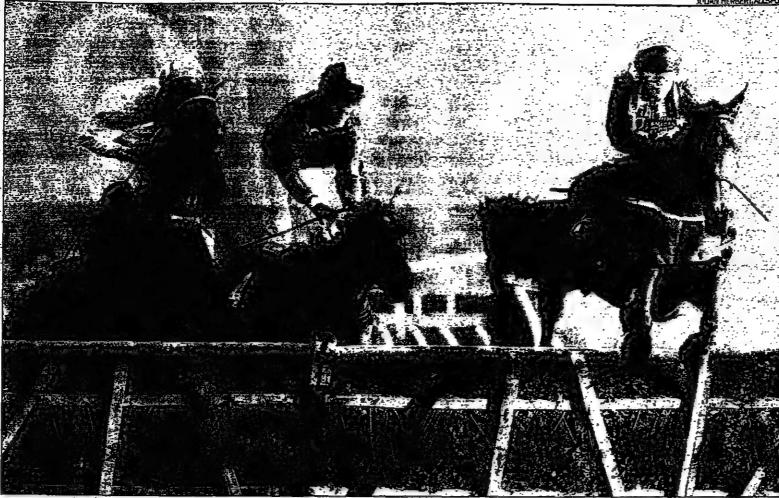
The retirement to stud of Swain, a colossus who truly bestrode that stage, would awak-en even the most complacent of bloodstock superpowers to the need for reinforcement. A hallmark of the Godolphin revolution, however, has always been its restless ambition.

The arrival of Lignify serves not only to enhance its uniquely cosmopolitan complexion. after the purchase in the autumn of two leading juveniles in the United States. It also restifies to the imagination and boldness that continue to inspire the whole enterprise.

Gentlemen, who emerged from Brazil to become one of the top older horses in the United States over the last two years, offered evidence of the potential riches lurking in a largely untapped seam of thor-oughbreds in South America. Lignify, a daughter of Confidential Talk fooled in 1994, was second in the Argentinian Oaks before last year winning a group two event over ten furlongs and a group one over a mile and a half.

Simon Crisford, racing manager to Godolphin, disclosed. yesterday that Lignify could be another card shuffled by the home team" in the fourth Dubai World Cup on March 28 (others include High-Rise,

Obviously, we'll give her ously, she has shown herself a



King's Road, right, lands the middle leg of a hurdling treble for trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies and jockey Carl Llewellyn at Newbury on Saturday

time to acclimatise, but we top performer over there the want to run her out here." Cris-ford said. "She will be entered in the World Cup and pointed towards the race - we'll just have to see how she shapes up. There are other races, such as the Dubai Duty Free, that she could go for. Then she will either go to Europe or North America. She looks a nice filly and horses in Argentina tend to stand plenty of racing. Obvi-

question is whether she can make the transition."

Crisford identifies Lignify as the latest chapter in the evolution of Godolphin as a global force. "We want to be recogrused as an international stable," he said: "It's just as important for us to have runners in Japan. Hong Kong and North America as it is in Europe and in the big races in England. Though we're based

in England in the summer, we regard ourselves not as an English stable but very much as a Dubai stable."

That the fulcrum is Dubai,

rather than the senior squad's summer bome at Moulton Paddocks in Newmarket, will be increasingly evident this year, with David Loder freshly installed at Evry in France to train a big team of juveniles for Godolphin. The two American recruits, Worldly Manner and Comeonmom, could meanwhile be prepared for the Kentucky Derby. Comeon-mom recorded the faster: time in 12 years when winning the Aqueduct race used as a stepping stone by two recent Derby winners. For British punters, however, there may be an even more interesting filly than Lignify joining Saced bin

Suroor. It is understood that

Godolphin is in the process of

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sive winner of a Doncaster maiden in October, from Kha-

By Nashwan, Kilting is from the same family as Sanglamore and should have plenty of stamina, but she managed to accelerate four lengths clear of 15 rivais over seven furlongs at Town Moor. Barry Hills will rue her loss as she looks to have the potential to enter calculations for the Vodafone Oaks.

Carberry loses ground with ten-day ban

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

PAUL CARBERRY will lose vital ground in his Irish championship duel with Ruby Walsh after a humiliating blunder at Naas yesterday. Carberry has ridden some amazing races this season but none quite like the one he rode on the front-running Sallie's Girl in the New Stand Design Team Slaney Novice Hurdle - standing like a statue in his irons as Conor O'Dwyer drove Glazeaway past to win by threequarters of a length.

He was shouting at O'Dwyer, warning his colleague that they still had a circuit to go, but it was Carberry himself who was making the al-

mighty gaffe. He was suspended for ten Irish racing days, starting on January 14, meaning that he can next ride in Ireland on February 6, eve of the Hennessy Gold Cup meeting at Leopardstown. He was also ordered to forfeit his riding fee, doubtless be-cause his performance had been too sedentary to be considered "riding".

Yet the race had an even worse postscript for the Francis Floods, senior and junior, respectively trainer and jockey of To Your Honour. Sent off favourite to add to last week's Leopardstown success, this leading fancy for the Royal & SunAlliance Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival slipped up approaching two out.

He left the battlefield with blood running from his nose and was last night being examined for suspected rib fracture. "He will have to recover very quickly to get to Cheltenham," Flood senior



said. "He could be out for the rest of the season."

Basking in the lordly sou-briquet of "the Duke", the least that David Nicholson might expect is to be succeeded by a King. That scenario appears one step closer with news that Alan King, his assistant, will be entrusted with training three or four Flat horses from Jackdaws Castle next summer. Colin Smith, Nicholson's landlord, reportedly considers this "the first step in grooming Alan to be handed the day-to-day running when

Nicholson decides to leave". Though Nicholson's own future at Smith's lavish training centre became subject of speculation during last week's painful soap opera, which ended with Adrian Maguire no longer etained as stable jockey, he has protested that he is got d "for another two or three years". As he also expects a back-seat role thereafter, the candidature of King has natural advantages over that of any trainers who have proved

themselves elsewhere.

Newbury off as casualties mount

THE meeting at Newbury today has been abandoned. Heavy overnight rain and the forecast of more to come forced officials to call off the fixture yesterday. Richard Pridharn, the clerk of the course, said: "We had 12mm of rain overnight, there is a huge amount coming down now and there is more forecast, so

it was hopeless."
Newton Abbot's fixture to morrow has also been abandoned. Michael Trickey, the clerk of the course, said yester-day. We've had 1% inches of rain overnight and the course is waterlogged. It's impossible to race, so we have decided to abandon early." Newton Abbot's fixture for

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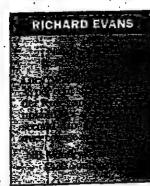
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Boxing Day also fell to the wet



spell and Trickey added: "In 1998, we had ten inches above the average rainfall and 21 inches in the last 11 weeks. All our drains are full and the water has nowhere to drain." Newton Abbot is the twelfth jumps meeting this season to

be lost to the weather. Two horses had a lucky escape yesterday when a storm hit Robert Alner's Blandford Forum stable. The pair were out exercising when their boxes were damaged by the high winds besetting Dorset. Alner's wife, Sally, said:

"We have had a terrible storm. It has been a nightmare, but it's a ease of fate playing its part. The roots were ripped off two boxes but, fortunately, the horses were out exercising at the time. We have had to put them with friends while we

sort out the damage."
Meanwhile, Mrs Alner reported that out-of-form Cool Dawn will be put in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, which he won last year, when entries close on Wednesday.



THUNDERER 12.40 The Flying Doctor 1.10 See Enough 3.10 FIRST INSTANCE (nap) Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 DISTANT STORM. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

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(£2,346: 2m 6f 110yd) (6 numers) 1 042-12 SALEH, 20 (5) (Waterball Richog) Mrs.1 Washern 7-11-12 Mr R Forristal (5) BSL TDK (7 Breant 7 McCovent 7-11-6 B Powell - 3 PSAGE MARDY BREEZE B42 (Mrs.) Srisst) 0 Grossel 8-11-6 B Fersion 4 -5-3 POLYPHINY 20 (M Cearon) D O'Elvies 5-11-6 P Hote 55 22-67 61.ACK SPRING 77 (6) (6 Winter) R Rown 7-11-1 A Special 6 054-P3 CHERRY PE 20 (0 Barry) J Majtims 7-11-1 R Thomaton 35. BETTING: 2-5 Salesi, 6-1 Polyphony, 8-7 Black Spring, 12-1 Chessy Piu, 20-1 Harry Bresze. 25-1 Bell Tea.

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2.10 langhorne garden hotel maiden chase (£3,028: 2m) (9 runners)

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2.40 LEVY BOARD MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,667: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

ETTERS: 11-4 Royal Rules, 7-2 Brancepeth Seite, 4-7 Golden Lifty, 6-1 Staces Missele, 7-1 Capacit, 8-1 Sendante,

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**SAMATERSTON REGION of Salas (1 thinks her new) had one source urns will stod a courte another chance. BRANCEPETH BELLE, a first-Highl latter last neath, had provincely won well and as worth another charact

3.10 TED LONG CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,448: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Amond's Buy, 7-2 Hallo Mile Main. 4-1 Titan Tran. 9-2 Scottin Gal., 13-2 First Instance. 40-1 Carn Say This Tor pulled up in learning those at Newtonia Em St. good to sell, services years a services years and sell of so Bue high an learning classe at Curicle Com St. bears, Justice's Soy 42 The at 10 to A Pagament in regulating classes at Curicle Com St. good is selly with Card Say 48b testes only 111 at a Southe Saff selled on an inactice charse at Personian Card S. Sand at 8 to Person's Closurs is severe banding or time of Unionists Curicle, cond in sell on that start test man, Helds Market 19 2nd of 8 to these Personian in concert handings charse at the close Com St. good in Saff selled in Saff selled and the close Com St. good in Saff selled in Card St. good in Saff selled in Card Saff selled in Card Saff selled in Saff selled in

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SETTING: 6-4 Dictard Shoop, 9-4 First in The Field, 7-2 Toppange, 6-1 Jobstama.

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestoner 3.40 Topanga. Southwell: 12.30 First Frame. 1.00 Alwana, 3.30 Rayware Boy.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 12.30 Most Respectful. 1.00 Noctume. 1.30 Kosevo. 2.00 Mysticism. 2.30 Pipe Music. 3.00 Cyro. 3.30 Sunset Lady.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

12.30 HERTFORDSHIRE CLASSIFIED CLAIMING

7-2 Royal Cascade: 9-2 Fayor, 5-1 Bankene, 6-1 Plante Tower, 8-1 First Frame, 10-1 Story Respective, 12-1 Newtons Res., 14-1 plants.

1.00 LEICESTERSHIRE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN APPRENTICES STAKES (\$2,127: 1m 3f) (8)

204 (4) 005- ALMENA 17 (V.BF) 5 C Williams 4-8-8 D Williams (5) 31
205 (2) 700- LADY OF SUADALOPE 103 D Cosporer 4-8-8
206 (3) 050- LITTLE BIP 145 (5) K Borte 4-9-4 P. P. DESTROIS (5) 207 (1) 223- HOCTLENE 21J 5 Kettenell 4-8-8 R Richards (3) 933 (6) 05-6 SARTARISHE 3 P Howing 4-8-8 G Faustroir (9) 4-9 Moctamé, 3-1 Almete. 14-1 Santarous, 20-1 Lati Jadoed, 25-1 Blue Hoppet, Lady Of Gazziatope, 33-1 The 5dl. Yhot, 50-1 Latie Imp

1.30 HERTFORDSHIRE CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £1,760: 71) (13)

301 (5) 000- KDRASEPH 16 (C) R Marvin 7-9-2 ___ T G McLaughtin 58
302 (3) 000- BLUSHING GRONADER 34 (8 F.G.S) S Bowing 7-8-13
303 (2) 011- C-HARRY 19 (D.G.S) R Hollinshead 5-8-13
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2.00 BEDFORDSHIRE FILLIES HANDICAP

(£2,840: 6f) (15) (\$2,B40: bf) (10) 401 (10) 502- GENERAL ICLARE 24 (0) 8 McMahon 4-10-0 R Cochrane 75

2.30 CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (£2,814: 2m) (10) 501 (6) 660- SEMERAL ASSEMBLY 23J (5) 5 Margarow 7-10-0 B. Carter 77

5-2 Il Principe, 7-2 Wild Cassry, 6-1 Chabrol, 7-1 Whitey Grango Boy, Mikita's Stat. 8-1 Pipe Musec, 10-1 General Assembly, 16-1 others.

3.00 DERBYSHIRE SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-0: £1,847: 1m) (7)

3.30 LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,827: 1m) (7) 9-4 Sunset Lady, 11-4 Love Blues, 7-2 Alarm's Cavation, 8-1 State Wind, 10-1 Bes-ling Rip, Rayware Boy, 14-1 Fourth Time Listiny

Soaked makes brisk start to new year

SOAKED, the winner of nine handicaps last term, made a flying start to the new season in term, made a Hying start to the new season in the Barry Dennis Bookmaker's Handicap at Lingfield on Saturday. The David Chapman-trained six-year-old, ridden by Tony Culhane, shadowed Tear White before striking for home over a furlong out and drawing away to prevail by 1% lengths. Soaked shares the 20th Century record for handicap wins in a season with Chapman's former charges Chaplins Club and Glencroft, and Sihafi, Vindaloo and Star Rage.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Newbury

12.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, Nipper Reed (A Maguine 3-4 (an); 2, Collar Bay (5-2; 3, Kingstoti Pet (9-1), 7 van 3, nk. R Simpson Tota-12.50; 51.80, 12.20; DF 14.20 (SF. 57.53.

57.53.
1.15 (2m of ch) 1. Fourth In Line (NWilliamson, 6-4 lav); 2. Dentes Coverior (+-1); 3. Golden Spirver (3-1), 6 son, NR. Cycorg De Beaufal, Mr. President, Des, des), Mes Verre NWilson, Tota (52.0), 61.50, (2.10 DF. 63.70 CSF: 96.85 Theast (26.12 13.10 CSP: 15 89 | Incast 120 12 1.45 (2m 10)0 | Incid | Bossum Hate gC Llowoldr, 2-1 law; 2, Yournan Safor (15-2); 3, Russaf Road (8-2), 10 pm, 51, 23, N Twest-on-Davies, 100; 13, 10; 11, 12, 40, 12,00. DP: \$13.60, CSP: \$18.49 2.16 (3m 2f-110ys ch) 1, Highteslithned (G. Bractiey, S-1), 2. Ask Anlony (3-1), 3, Tom's To (9-1) Sparking Cone 5-2 lev & ran 3f-1, 9. Mass A Monton-Smith Tone. 19-80: 61-90, 6

2.46 (2m 51 ch) 1, King's Roed (C Llewelyn, 11-10 law Richard Evens's nep-son 1 tensturper's top rating). 2. Ro's King (7-2; 5 Simm Or Gold (10-1). 5 ton 21 19. N Twiston-Daves, Tote £1 90; £1 20. £2 10 DF - £3, 10. CSF. £4 91 3.15 (2m hds) 1, Moorish (C Llewelyn, 9-1); 2. Roid Gat (2-1 ton); 3, CM Hall (100,3); 7 ran, Hd, 7, N T-Daves, Tote £15:10 £4 90 12:49 DF: \$22,70 CSF. £25:67 Placepot: \$28.70. Quadrot: £13.45-

Ayr Going: heavy 12.20 1, Thanks Keith (2-1 lev), 2. Baano (11-0), 3. Electrock (6-2), 5 ran 12.50 1, Hurst Plyer (3-1), 2, Mile Stan (11-10 las), 3 am. 1.28 1, Cuick March (11-8 fav). 2. Who Dere, Wre (6-4), 3. Polycal Mikkar (33-1) 11 spn. NP: Sail On Sid

2.20 1, Crystal Gift (6-1), 2, Lord Podgsid (190-20), 3. Palacegalc Ring (5-4 law), 6 tan. 12.50 1, Cheminny's Saga (7-4), 2, Thombout House (6-1), 3. Arigs Lane (6-1), Mr. Frangoca 6-4 law, 4 ran, NR. Fen Terrier.

3.26 1 Stagreen (9-2), 2 Michaelle (4-6 law), 3, Alia (9-1), 10 ran.

Lingfield Park 3.20 1 Mr Nahdlo (3-1), 2, Aren'i We Lucky (7-2), 3, Rubor (14-1) Palace of Gold 5-2 tov 7 ran. Uttoxeter

Going soll 12.55 1, Follow De Call (16-1), 2, Actral invasco (14-1), 3, Centau Express (11-8 lay).

1.55 1 Medison County (7-2), 2, Share Op-tons (7-4 lay), 3, in Trum (4-1), 4 ran 2.25 1, Flying Gunner (9.4 lav), 2, Dom Beltrano (11-2); 3, Cool Sparry (9-4 lav), 6 nan, NR; Stewarts Prote, 1.501, Chipped Out (7-4 ke), 2. Compared 5.501, Chipped Out (7-4 ke), 2. Compared 5.501, Chipped Out (7-4 ke), 2. Compared 5.501, Selmoreburno (2-1), 2. fm Maggy 3.40, 1, Acid Test (4-1 ke), 2. Ok John (7-2) Montassren (8-10 to 11-2), 13 ren (15-2), 3, Fierdly Brave (11-2), 13 ren

Going: standard

12.40 1, Mystagogue (5-2) 2, Alsahib (4-7 lav), 3, Dionys (12-1) 7 rah 1.10 1, Mukarrab (100-30 lavi, 2, Baptis-mal Rock (6-1), 3, Inbaash (9-1), 13 ran. 1.40 1. Socked 17-2). 2, Tear White 19-4 lav), 3, Half Tone 18-1). 8 ren. 2.101, Seraggya Dream (25-1) 2 Sty Cry (33-1). 3, Nadisha (16-1) Simply Magical 11-8 lav 13 ran NR Bamboo Garden.

2.40 1 Dancing Rio (16-1) 2, Swan Hunter 19-1), 3, Be Warned (9-1) White Plains 4-1 lay 12 ran 3.10 1, Threadneedie (16-1), 2, Topton (10-1), 3, Big Ben (14-1), 4, Rilih (6-1) Silca Blanka 4-1 lav 16 tan Southwell Going: standard

12.30 1, Tom (9-1), 2. Lwc Project (10-1), 2 Miss All Alone (9-1), 4. Titaal (20-1). Blooming Amazing 3-1 tov. 16 ran. 1,00 1, Holy Smoke (2-1 km) 2, Mulaban (12-1), 3, Mulabadeth (12-1), 3, Palais (16-1), 16 ran, 1.30 1, Alberteen (7-2), 2, Scalach (5-2); 3, Rambo Waltzer (7-4 lav), 14 ran 2.00 1. Just Witz (7-2 j-lav) 2, Baron de Pi-chon (7-2 j-lav), 3, Mss Dood;business (20-1) 14 ran. 2.30 1 Palace Green (4-1), 2, Enrivale (9-1), 3, Times Pet (14-1) Tread Solity 5-2 law 10 ram

3.00 1 Milgwar (7-2), 2. Arcsh (7-1), 3. Burnies Own (20-1), Borne Ville 7-4 (av. 14

3.30 1, Copper Shell (25-1); 2, Abulgood (6-1) 3, Lightning Rebel (33-1) Essanders 100-30 lav. 14 ran.

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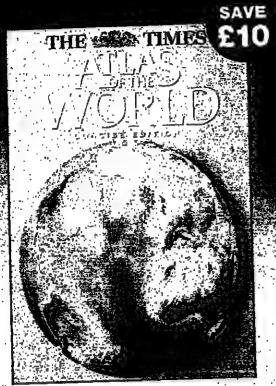
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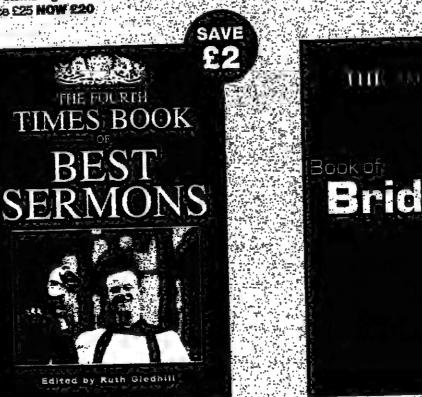
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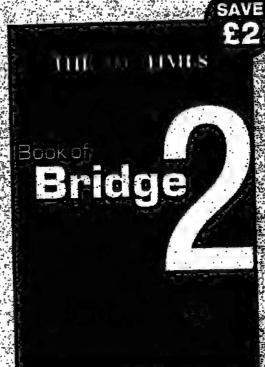


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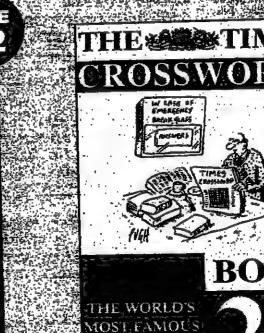
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the circulation of Micle at his term Systems Ltd unfairly dismissed and unfawfully discriminated against the ground of sex by her employers, IGE Medi-

tice Ward and Lord Justice Robert

Dudgment December 18] An employee who had been on maternity leave, but who was dis-missed when she was unable. through post-natal depression, to return to work at the end of the statutory period of extended maternity absence, was wrongfully and un-fairly dismissed and had been sub-jected to unlawful sex discrimina-tion since she had not exhausted her contractual entitlement to sick pay when she was dismiss

The right to return to work within 29 weeks of pregnancy became complete and effective when proper notice was given. Once she gave notice, the employee's contract of employment revived so that whether or not her failure to return on the due date put her in breach of the contract depended on its terms.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the employee.

Mrs Marion Halipenny, against the dismissal by the Employment.

Appeal Tribunal (1997) ICR 1007

of her appeal from the dismissal by a Manchester induction. a Manchester industrial tribunal of her complaint that she had been

cal Systems Ltd.

Section 71 of the Employment Rights Act 1996, replacing section 33 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, provides

(I) An employee who is absent from work at any time during her maternity leave period is - entitled to the benefit of the terms and conditions of employment which would have been applicable to her if she had not been absent (and had not been pregnant or given birth to a child)."

Section 73 of the 1996 Act, defines the period of maternity leave as 14 weeks from its commencement or until the birth of the child, ction 79 of the 1996 Act pro-

"(I) An employee who - (a) has the right conferred by section 71, and (b) has, at the beginning of the eleventh week before the expected week of childbirth, been continu ously employed for a period of not less than two years, also has the right to return to work at any time during the period beginning at the end of her maternity leave period and ending twenty-nine weeks af-ter the beginning of the week in

"(2) An employee's right to return to work under this section is the right to return to work with the person who was her employer before the end of her maternity leave period, or (where appropriate) his successor, in the job in which she was then employed (a) on terms and conditions as to

uneration not less favourable than those which would have been applicable to her had she not been absent from work at any time since the commencement of her maternitv leave period.

(b) with her seniority, pension rights and similar rights as they would have been if the period or periods of her employment prior to the end of her maternity leave period were continuous with her em-ployment following her return to work _ and (c) otherwise on terms and condi-

tions not less favourable than those which would have been applicable

to her had she not been absent from work after the end of her maternity leave period." Miss Laura Cox, QC and Miss Tess Gill for the employer, Mr Paul Nicholls for the employer. LORD JUSTICE WARD said the employee had commenced em-

tems in June 1988 and in time had become the regional administrator and lynchpin of their Cheshire of-

She had become pregnant in summer 1994; cosmolications had forced her to take paid sick leave in

August 1994. Her contractual enti-tiement to paid sick leave was 30 weeks in any 12-month period. She remained unfit to return to work. In February 1995, having by then completed more than two years continuous employment, she had given proper notice that she in-tended to exercise her right to return to work at the expiration of 29 weeks from the birth of her baby

on April 5, 1995. Her entitlement to statutory maternity leave was triggered on March 6, 1995. She had then been in receipt of maternity pay until July 10, 1995. In September 1995 she informed her employers that she intended to return to work at the end of the period of extended maternity absence, which, they told her, would be October 30,

On October 13, she had sought to delay her return to work on the ground of her ill-health, submit-ting a medical certificate to con-firm that she was suffering from

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Her employers were sympostheric and agreed in extend her leave, informing her that she still retained her right to return to work up unul November 27.

She had remained unwell and had written expressing her concern that her depressive illness would delay her return beyond that date. The company had replied that she was entitled to exlend her maternity leave for medical reasons by four weeks, after which it was not obliged to keep her ich open and would not do so had been dismissed when she failed to turn up for work on No-

The industrial tribunal had dismissed all her claims on the basis that her employment had terminaled on the cessation of the receipt of maternity pay on July 7, 1995.

The Employment Appeal Tribu-nal had reversed the findings as to the date of termination because it was and always had been common round that the contract continued The EAT had held that the con-

tract was put in suspense and that upon the employee's failure to exer-cise her right to return, the con-

Waterford Wedgwood pic

and Another v David Nagli

Before Mr Charles Aldous, QC

costs order under section 17 of the Legal Aid Act 1988, the value of any

beneficial interest a legally assiste

party might have in his principal dwelling house was not to be aggre-

gated with that held by his spouse

or any other third party for the pur-

poses of determining the financial

resources of the legally assisted

as a deputy judge in the Chancery

Division, so held in a reserved judg-

ment dismissing the application of

the third party, Mr Gabriel Haugh-

ton, to enforce an order for costs

which be had obtained against the

second defendant. Mr David Nag-

li, arising from the earlier order o

Mr Aldous setting aside the third party notice served by Mr Nagli on Mr Haughton alleging that the de-fendants had been the victims of

Mr Nicholas Caddick for Mr

Nagli: Mr Graham Halkerston for

erly. Mr Charles Akious, QC, sitting

Liudgment December 4]

ployers. Accordingly she was not critical to any relief.

The appeal gave rise to a number of difficult issues, including when and how the employment terminated in the case of a pregnant employee who was prevented by illness from returning at the end of the extended maternity

leave period. If she was dismissed, was the dismissal automatically unfair? What was the extent of the protection allonded to women as regards pregnanty and maternity deriving rom the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and the Equal Treatment Directive 76/207/EEC (OJ 1976 No There were no easy answers to

incse fundamental questions. His Lordship agreed with the in-dustria' tribunal that "the law on maternity leave is notoriously com-plex - fraught with pitfalls for the

It was surely not too much to ask of the legislature that those who had to grapple with that topic should not have to have a wet towel around their heads as the single most important aid to the understanding of their rights.

tract of employment. It was an employment right and was quite independent of the right not to be untairly dismissed. It did not depend on the agree

ment of the parties. Where, as in the instant case, there were no effective contractual terms, the employec's rights were entirely governed

Kunk Save Stores v Greaves [1998] IRLR 245] determined that the exercise of the right was completed by the giving of the appropriare notice at the appropriate time. work or actual presence at work on the notified day, made the exercise of the right complete and effective. The employee had given proper

notice, if the right was exercised it must in his Lordship's judgment. take effect both with regard to her contractual position as well as her statutory position.

Pending the exercise of the right

to return to work the employment contract was suspended. The em-ployee's rights crystallised on her giving the proper statutory notice. and the contract of employment with all its benefits and burdens revived by virtue of section 79(2). In his Lordship's judgment the statutory right to return to work had been restored to her job on

was superimposed upon the our-terms and conditions not less favourable than would have been applicable to her had she not been absent from work after the end of her maternity leave period.

Consequently, whether or not the employee would be in breach of the terms of the revived contract by failing to attend for work would de pend on the terms of her employment and the reason for her non-ut-

As she had not exhausted her contractual enutlement to sick leave, her employers had no lawful reason to dismiss her. Her dismissal was wrongful and she was entitled to damages.

The answer to the claim for sex discrimination was that the employee had been employed as soon as she exercised her right to return

The industrial Inhunal had found that if the employee had returned to work at the end of leave, even for a day, then they would have been bound to hold that she had been unlawfully discriminated against. That finding of unlawful discrimination was not and could not be challenged.

Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Robert Walker agreed. Solicitors: Ms Clare Hockey.

Reinsurance was not transferred

In re Friends Provident Life

Before Mr Justice Neuberger-Judgment December 4

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Where a reinsurer gave a policy of reinsurance back to the reinsured. that determined the reinsurance policy. Accordingly, it could not be said that the long term business had been transferred from the reinsurer to the insured for the purposes of Part 1 of Schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982.

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in the Chancery Division when refusing a petition by Friends Provident Life Office seeking the sanction of the court for what was said to be the transfer of the long term remsurance business to the petitioner from its subsidiary, Eriends' Provident Linked Life Assurance (FPL-

Part I of Schedule 2C to the In-Part 1 of schedule Act to the in-surance Companies Act 1982, as in-serted by regulation 28 of Schedule 3 to the Insurance Companies (Third Insurance Directives) Regu-lations (SI-1994 No 1696) provides.

"(I) Where it is proposed to carry out a scheme under which the whole or part of the long term busi-ness carried on by an insurance company to which this Part of the Act applies _ the transferor company or the transferce company may apply to the court, by petition, for an order sanctioning the scheme." Mr Robin Hollington for the pe-

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that the petitioner's business related to unit-linked policies which it had issued. To remove incertainty which arose out of the taxregime applicable in 1983, the peti-tioner reinsured that part of its business with FPLLA, a wholly subsidiary which formed for that purpose.

. In 1990, the tax reasons for that reinsurance structure came to an end. The petitioner and FPLIA, therefore proposed a scheme whereby FPLIA's reinsurance business be transferred to the petitions. tioner. Accordingly, the peritioner sought the sanction of the court

pursuant to the Schedule. His Lordship said that, subject to three points of principle, it was plain that the court should same pon the scheme as proposed: -

Was reinsurance business of the type entered into between the per-tioner and FPLLA within the am-

His Lordship said that as a matter of general principle if a particu-lar insurance contract entered into by an insurer constituted long term business, then, in the absence of special facts or clear words of the relevant statutory provision to the contrary, the contract between the insurer and a re-insurer whereby part or all of the risk undertak by the insurer under that contract was laid off, should constitute long

If, as in the case under the 1982. Act, an expression such as "long term business" was defined by refefence to a type of insurance business then, both in terms of lan-guage and in terms of concept, it would appear to govern reinsur-ance reinsurance simply involved the insurer himself insuring with another person, namely the rein-surer, all or part of the risk which the insurer had himself underwrit

2 Could it be said that business was transferred by FPLLA within the meaning of paragraph 1(1) of

His Lordship said that at first upold he said to transfer the policy of reinsurance to the reinsured appeared to involve a conceptual diffi-culty, because the effect of the transfer was to put an end to the reinsurance policy altogether.

However much one might call it a transfer, the proposed transac-tion was really a cancellation or surrender of the policy.

It was not open to the court to dress up what was in reality a cancellation of a series of reinsurance policies as if it were a transfer of re-

If it did so, it could be said that any time that a reinsurer and reinsured agreed to cancel a reinsurance policy, or a series of reinsur-ance policies, or, any time that an insurer agreed with an insured to cancel an insurance policy or a se-ries of insurance policies, that could not lawfully be done without the prior sanction of the court. His Lordship concluded that

however the scheme was defined or described it could not be described as involving a transfer of long term business. As between the policy-holders and the petitioner, nothing was

transferred; the terms, rights and obligations under those insurance policies and the insurance business involved in those policies remained wholly unaffected as between the insurer and insured. . The business was not so much transferred as determined. If the

transfer must involve, and was intended to involve the business being destroyed and ceasing to exist, then, by definition that could be no transfer of that business. 3 Quebt the court to sanction the

proposed scheme as the same re-sult could be achieved by cancella-His Lordship said that the same objective as that proposed by the scheme could be achieved through

the medium of cancelling or surren-

dering the reinsurance contracts between the petitioner and FPLLA which would not require the sametion of the court.

The only reason why the sametion of the court was being sought was that the taxation consequence of cancellation were highly disad-

indeed, the taxation consequences of cancellation were so unattrac-tive that, if the choice was between keeping the present reinsurance ar-rangements in place or cancelling the reinsurance policies, the choice would unhesitatingly be to take the Accordingly, it could be said

that the court should refuse to sanction the scheme on the same sort of Brightman refused to sanction the reduction of capital in In re Rylands-Whitecross (unreported, December 21, 1973). His Lordship said that had he found for the peritioner on the sec-

and issue, be would not have considered it appropriate to refuse to sanction the scheme. Rylands-Whitecross. that which the court was being asked to

approve was precious close to being a sham. In the present case if the arrangement embodied in the scheme had fallen within the Schedule, there would have been a genuine transfer of business. Moreover, the tax consequence

That was unlike Rylands-White cross, where there was merely a small saving in stamp duty. ed about the proposed scheme and

no transaction would occur at all.

Solicitors: Sweetlands, Dorking.

Luxembourg

HIS LORDSHIP said that at an earlier stage of the proceedings the

third-party notice issued by Mr Na-gli against Mr Haughton had been set aside on the basis that there was no jurisdiction under articles 6(2) and/or 6(3) of the Brussels Conrgainst Mr Haughton to be heard

in England instead of the Republic of Ireland,

In the earlier proceedings the judge lad held that but for the Ltd (in liquidation) and Oth-Brussels Convention Mr Nagli had established a good arguable case. No other determination on the merits of Mr Naglis claim On an application for a personal

against Mr Haughton was made. The major issue on the applica-tion concerned the value antibutable to the dwelling house known as Marrowells. Weybridge, in which Mr Nagli lived with his family. Af-ter the coliapse of Mr Nagli's business the family sold their former

Mr Nagli's half share of the net proceeds of sale, £162.039.87, was accounted for as follows: £132.490.51 toward the purchase of Marrowells: £25,049,36 held by Mr Haughton pending this application and \$1,500 representing Mr Nagli's equal contribution to the laglis' overdrawn joint account.

Marrowells, which was also in-tended as a home for Mrs Naglis mother, cost £457,693,68, and was paid for as to £287,693.68 by Mr and Mrs Nagli from the proceeds of Brackenhill and as to £170,000 by a temporary mortgage to be repaid by Mrs Nagli's mother out of the proceeds of sale of her own

The property was registered in the joint names of Mrs Nogli and her mother, although Mr Nagli conceded that he held a beneficial interest commensurate with his contribution to the purchase price. In his affidavit of means Mr Nagli set out his income and assets as follows: income £744.51 a month in state and private pensions; expendi-ture, half of the household expendiure of himself and his wife. \$31.21; notional capital interest in Marrowells. \$135,490.51; retained sum, \$25,049.30; liabilities, including half share of loan from Mrs Na gh's mother totalling £21.323.79.

Home value not aggregated

Since August 1997 Mr Nagli had remained liable to the first plaintiff for its costs, which the first plaintiff claimed to be in the region of 200,000. No steps had as yet been taken to assess or enforce those Section 17 of the Legal Aid Act

1988 provided that the costs liability of a legally assisted party should not exceed a reasonable amount. having regard to all the circumstances, including the financial resources of the parties and their conduct during the dispute. By application of regulation 126

of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 339) and paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 in the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Re sourcest Regulations (ST 1989 No 335), the first £100,000 of the value of Mr Nagli's interest in his principal home, Marrowells, was left out of account when determining his disposable income and capital. His Lordship rejected Mr Halk-

erston's submission that, as a spouse's resources were treated as the assisted person's resources when assessing whether he was to the spouse's interest in the dwelling house he aggregated with the assisted person's in determining the value to be taken into account for the purposes of section 17(1). It did not follow that, where a third party's resources were to be treated as the assisted person's when assessing that person's enti-tlement to legal aid, those same resources were also to be treated as belonging to the assisted person when considering whether to make

a personal costs order against him. Section 17 made no provision for the consideration of assets belonging to the assisted person's spouse to include that part of Mrs Nagli's beneficial interest which arose from her contribution to the purchase price under paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to the Civil Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) Regula-

Mr Haughton estimated that he had incurred costs in the region of £27,000. Even if Mr Nagli's heneficial interest were to be valued on assumption that the house could be sold with vacant possession against the wishes of Mrs Nagli and her mother, that would leave a net worth of only £35,000 after the statutory deduction, less a further E5,000 which was to be disregarded by operation of paragraph 14A of Schedule 3 to (\$1 1989) No 338) because of Mr Nagil's low

annual disposable income. Mr Nagli's assets, even when ells was valued as above, would only marginally exceed his liabilities, in which case the court was not pregared to make a section 17

Solicitors: Pullig & Cu; Michael Vine & Co. Elstree.

European Law Report

Is medicinal product essentially similar?

Regina v Licensing Authority established by the Medicines Act 1968 (acting by the Medi-tines Control Agency). Ex parte Generics (UK) Ltd (E.R., Squibb & Sons Ltd, interven-

Same v Same, Ex parte The Wellcome Foundation Ltd Same v Same, Ex parte Glaxo Operations UK Ltd and Others (Generics (UK) Ltd, inter-

Case C-368/96 For the purposes of the abridged procedure laid down for authorising the marketing of medicinal products in a Community direc-tive a product was "essentially similar to another product if it had the same qualitative and quantitative composition in terms of active principles and the same pharmaceuti-cal form, and was bioequivalent, unless it differed significantly as to

of Justice of the European Commu-miles so held, inter alia, on Decem-ber 3 on a reference for a prelimimany rolling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on questions on the interpretation and validity of article 4.8(a)(iii) of Council Directive 65/65/EEC of January 26, 1965 on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to medicinal products (OJ, English Special Edition 1965-1966, p20) as argended, by Council Directive 87/24/EBS of December 22, 1986

(OJ 1987 1.15, p.36) Article 4.8(a) provides that, for the purposes of obtaining an au-thorisation to place a medicinal product on the market as provided for in article 3, the applicam is not required to provide the results of pharmacological and toxicological tests or of clinical trials if he can demonstrate "(iii) that the medicinal product is essentially similar to a product which has been authorised within the Community for not less than six years and is marketed in the member state for which the lication is made; this period shall be extended to 10 years in the case of high-technology medicinal products: furthermore, a member state may also extend that period to 10 years where it considers this necessary in the interest of public health?

The three sets of proceedings concerned the Medicines Control Agency's refusal to grant to Gener-ics, under the abridged procedure in article 4.8(a). a marketing au-thorisation for a product known as Captotopril in respect of indica-tions which had not been approved in any member state for at least 10 years, and its decision to grant, under that procedure, authorisations for products known as Aciclovir and Ranitidine to A/S Gea Parma-ceutisk Fabrik and Generics, re-

spectively.
The Divisional Court's fifth question asked whether, in the light of the answers to its questions I to 4, article 4.8(a)(iii) was invalid as contrary to the principles of protection of innovation and/or non-discrimi-nation and/or proportionality and/ or respect for property.

The Court of Justice said, inter

alia, that Directive 65/65 did not define the concept of an "essentially similar medicinal product, but in the carticular circumstances it was legitimate to have regard to the criteria stated in the minutes of the meeting of the Council at which Directive 87/21 was adopted.

dicinal product.

tions already authorised for that

ion (EC) No 541/95 of March 10, 1995 concerning the exof a member state (CU 1995 LSS, p7) did not affect the answers to the secand third questions.

5 Consideration of the fifth ques tion had not disclosed any factor of of arricle 4.8(a)(iii) as amended.

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Free circulation of motor vehicles of historic interest

Ciees v Hauptzollamt Wuppertal Case C-259/97

For the purpose of customs clear-For the purpose of customs clear-ance for free circulation, motor ve-hicles which were (i) in their origi-nal state, without changes to the chassis, steering or braking sys-tem, engine, etc. (ii) at least 30 years old, and (iii) of a model or type which was no longer in pro-duction, were presumed to be of historical or ethnographic interest.

However, motor vehicles which satisfied those conditions were not of historical or ethnographic interest where the competent authority established that they were not lia-ble to evidence a significant step in the evolution of human achievements or illustrate a period of that evolution.

In addition, the criteria laid down by the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Commumies concerning the characteris-tics required in order for a vehicle to be included in a collection had to The Fourth Chamber of the Court of Justice so ruled on December 3, when interpreting heading 9705 of the continued momenciature contained in Armer Fto Countinued Court

July 23, 1987 on the tariff and statis tical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ 1987 L256: pi), on a request for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Finanzgericht (Fi-nance Court), Düsseldorf, Germa-

Mr Clees's application to the customs office for clearance for free cir-culation of a Mercedes Benz 300

cil Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of The court referred to an explana-

SL car manufactured in 1956, as falling under heading 9705 which refers to "collections and collector's pieces of historical jor ethnographic interest was originally granted, but an amended assessment was later issued and import duties claimed on the ground that the vehicle had been wrongly classified under heading 9705 and was to be treated as a second-hand car falling under heading 8703. ing under neading 8703.

In its judgment the court said that for a vehicle to be classified under heading 9705 it had to be of historical or ethnographic interest motor vehicles, which related the property of the field.

to human achievements in the field

of car design, could aptly be so de-scribed if they evidenced a signifi-

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A further requirement was that the criteria referred to in Case 200184 Daiber v Hauptzollamt Reutlingen (1985) ECR 33631 concerning the characteristics a vehicle had to possess in order to be included in a collection, were satisfied. The two conditions were cumula-

tory note relating to heading 9705 adopted by the Commission of the

European Communities (OJ 1996) C127, p3). One of the criteria there stated, setting a minimum age for the vehide had to be considered in conjunction with the criterion that it was no longer in production, and as relative, in as much as it was possible for a more recent vehicle to possess features rendering it of historical inversa.

Vehicles which met the three criteria specified in the explanatory note were, as a rule, such as to atjest to the distinctive technical and aesthetic features of the age in which they were manufactured and thus such as to illustrate, in particular, a period of the evolu-

On that and other grounds stated by it the court ruled:

1 Article 4.8(a)(iii) of Directive 65/65, as amended by Directive 87/21, was to be interpreted as meaning that a medicinal product was essentially similar to an origi-nal medicinal product where it satisfied the criteria of having the same qualitative and quantitative tion in terms of active principles of having the same pharma-ceutical form, and of being bioequivalent, unless it was apparent in the light of scientific knowledge that it differed significantly

garded safety or efficacy.

The competent authority of a member state could not disregard those three criteria when it was required to determine whether a particular medicinal product was essentially similar to an original me-

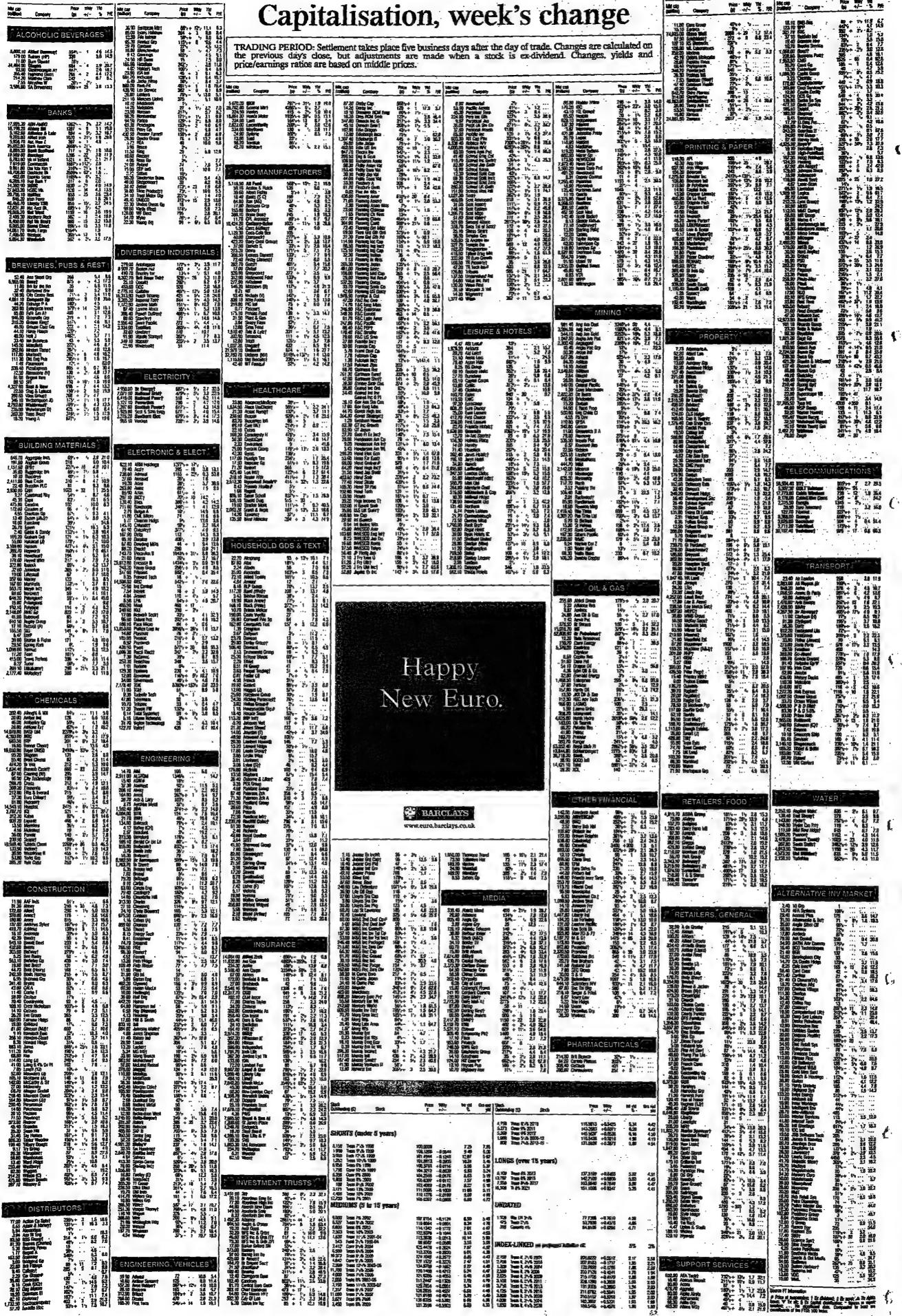
from the original product as re-

2 A medicinal product that was es-semially similar to a product which had been authorised for not less than six or 10 years in the Community and was marketed in the member state for which the application was made could be authorised, under the abridged procedure provided for in article 4.8(a)(iii) as amended, for all therapeutic indica-

3 Such a product could be so authorised for all dosage forms, dos-es and dosage schedules already authorised for that product.

4 The fact that the original or abridged applications for marketing authorisations were made before entry into force of Commission amination of variations to the terms of a marketing authorisation granted by a competent authority

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Nissan tipped to link with rival

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NISSAN, the troubled Japanese carmaker, is reported to be close to announcing a tie-up with one of its biggest Western rivals. It is known to have held talks with Renault, Daimler-Chrysler and Ford for several months, and could unveil an agreement with one of them by the end of the month.

Experts believe that any such deal is likely to fall short of a full merger or takeover. Instead, it is expected to involve sales and distribution arrangements and some sort of collaboration over the development of new car models.

Reports vesterday suggested that the Nissan car factory in Sunderland, which recently came top of a European productivity league table, could bene-fit by being adapted to produce more than one car marque. The plant, which has operated since 1986 and turns out some 280,000 Primera and Micra cars a year, employs 4,300 people and is poised for expansion.

An alliance between the debt-laden Japanese group and one of its rivals would be just the latest deal in an industry that is beset by overcapac-ity and poor profitability. DaimlerChrysler, which

has for some time been in talks to acquire Nissan's truck manufacturing arm, is itself the product of the recent \$92 billion (£54 billion) marriage of Germany's Daimler-Benz, which owns Mercedes, and Chrysler of the US.

BC Partners poised to buy Allied Domecq business

BC PARTNERS, the venture capital group, has emerged as the front-runner to buy Cantrell & Cochrane, the Irish drinks distributor owned by Allied Domecq. in a deal worth up to £530 million.

Allied, which acquired full control of C&C last July when it bought out Diageo's half share, has been sounding out potential trade and financial buyers after shelving plans to offload the business via a stock market flotation.

Although insiders claim a flotation is still a possibility, City sources believe Allied is in advanced negotiations over a sale to BC Partners. The sale price is thought to be close to £500 million, although the total figure, after including a dividend payable by C&C to Allied, is nearer £530 million. Warburg Dillon Read's private equity arm is also thought to have been in the running.

The predicted price tag is likely to disappoint City analysts who had placed a value of between £600 million and £700 million on C&C when it was put up for sale last summer through the Investment Bank of Ireland and Goldman Sachs. Allied is believed to have paid about £270 million for Diageo's 49.6 per cent

C&C, which is one of Ireland's biggest drinks suppliers, distributes the likes of Bulmer cider and Britvic soft drinks. It also has a number of its own brands including Bally-



Tony Hales hopes to forge an alliance of his own after the link-up between rivals Grand Metropolitan and Guinness

gowan, the mineral water, and Tullamore Dew, the Irish

Allied Domecq's disposal of C&C is likely to provoke calls for some of the proceeds to be returned to shareholders. However, the group may choose to return to the acquisition trail as it seeks to respond

to the challenge posed by the merger a year ago of its big-gest drinks rivals, Grand Metropolitan and Guinness, to form Diageo. Tony Hales, Allied's chief ex-

ecutive, has made no secret of his desire to respond to the merger by forging an alliance of his own. However, his at-

tempts to coax his preferred candidate, Seagram, to the altar have come to nothing. The Canadian spirits and entertainment group recently an-nounced its intention to go it alone and the prospects of a

marriage now look remote.

For BC Partners, the pur-

chase of C&C would be one of

its biggest acquisitions since it was spun out of Barings after the merchant bank's collapse in 1995. In July it acquired Hurst Publishing, the company be-hind Auto Trader magazine, in a £260 million deal, then in December it paid £100 million for the Ross Breeders chicken divi-

PwC takes acquisition trail in Israel

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN TEL AVIV

ing and consulting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, is looking to expand in Israel. Several businesses are on its shop-ping list, which is headed by plans to buy a management

software business.

The firm, which was created last year out of the global nerger of Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse, said that it is looking at acquisi-tions via its Israeli affiliate, the accounting firm Kesselman &

According to Avraham Berger, managing partner in Kes-selman, the firm is looking spe-cifically for a management software company because "it is understood that Israel is a leader in this area". The firm is said to be talking to several companies.

Jonathan Shimshoni, chief executive of the sister practice Kesselman Consulting, said that the firm is also considering acquisitions in other areas of consulting, such as market-ing, human resources, systems consulting or software

Jermyn Brooks, global managing partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers, said separately that PwC is setting up a \$50 million (£29 million) global fund to invest in hightecnology and life science companies over three years. "I am certain some of these funds will find their way to Israel," Mr Brooks told a news confer

THE world's largest account- ence. He said that the investments would be of between \$2 million and \$5 million per

PwC is working with Kessel-man to bring international companies to Israel, particular-ly in high-tech fields, Mr Brooks said. "We see great potential in the development of industry, especially high-tech industry, and of the investment in Israel of world-leading conglomerates," he said.

Strutt & Parker lifts hotels side

STRUTT & PARKER, the upmarket estate agent, has bolstered its hotel property arm by acquiring William Hillary Leisure & Hotels for an undisclosed price (Dominic Walsh writes).

The deal, which has taken nine months to negotiate, quadruples the size of Strutt & Parker's hotel and leisure division. The enlarged business will oper-ate from William Hillary's offices in London and

Strutt & Parker, still an independent partnership, operates from 22 offices throughout the UK

P&O woos its wharfies to alter working ways

P&O, the British shipping group, faces a month of tense union negotiations as it tries to persuade the workers at its cargo-handling facilities in Australia — known as "wharfies" — to agree to job losses and other measures aimed at increasing productivity. P&O is the largest container

port operator in Australia, controlling half the waterfront and employing about 1.500.

The company has just start-Union of Australia (MUA). seeking to reach separate local agreements on manning of its cargo operations in Sydney. Brisbane, Melbourne and Fre-

The MUA hit the headlines

picketed Patrick, P&O's biggest stevedoring rival, in a dis-

pute that split Australians. P&O, which is determined to avoid such a costly confrontation, said that it has already arrived at a framework agreement with the MUA that signais the union's willingness to improve productivity.

The company wants to outsource some back-up functions, such as cleaning and maintenance, while retaining ance in loading and unloading of cargo. It also wants differ ent shift patterns and other flexible working measures. The Sydney operation is like-

ly to be the toughest for P&O to reform because the union is last year when its members seen as most militant there.

Investors await view on suing

INVESTORS in Powerscreen, the Northern Irish engineer that was rocked by an accounting black hole last year, face a prolonged wait to discover whether the company is to sue three former directors or its former auditor. KPMG (Adam Jones writes).

There had been hopes that Powerscreen would have a firm recommendation from Herbert Smith, the City law firm, by Christmas, advising on whether to proceed with legal action against any of the

However, a decision is understood to have been pushed est. The former directors who could be targeted by Powerscreen are Shay Mckeown, the former chief executive. Pat Dooey and Barry Cosgrove.

The Serious Fraud Office is investigating the accounting

Reuters makes a billion changes to greet the euro

By ROBERT LEA

YESTERDAY lunchtime saw Geoffrey Sanderson a happy man. He'd been planning to work non-stop, fuelled only by adrenalin, he said, until 6pm Sunday evening, by which time the last of one billion bits of information would finally have been changed.

As it was, Reuters, for whom Mr Sanderson was running the show as project manager of the euro conversion weekend, had deemed itself "eurofir' seven hours ahead of schedule and Mr Sanderson was off to get some lunch.

But even as he was looking at stepping away from his desk at the Reuters mission control in London's Docklands, the first calls were coming through to Reuters Help Desk hotline.

Yet those seeking evidence of a crumbling in the City edifice, despite claims throughout the Square Mile of a conversion weekend job well-done, were left waiting for their story.
"The calls have been similar

to what we get during a nor-mal working week." Mr Sand-erson said. "It's 'where do we find this bit of data' and 'how should we be using this product? We have had no reports of any failures." Reuters as a premier provid-

er of foreign exchange transaction systems in the City should, more than anyone,

have known the extent of the job at the weekend.

The past three days has seen it put 700 people on the case, about 5 per cent of its staff and 100 more than it had previously thought it would need. The extra pairs of eyes and hands were essentially data-check-ing, but they enabled the company to sign-off as "prepared" at Ham Sunday morning.

So everything to go smoothly this Monday morning, then? "Ah." said Mr Sanderson, "let's see. We'll have a better idea in those couple of hours around 8 o'clock when the market opens in London."

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37 ROMPU

(b) Broken, interrupted or displaced. The French for "bust". In Heraldry, an Armorial Charge that is broken may be described as Rompu. But the past participle is most frequently applied to geometrical charges and lines.

(c) Hypoid gear is a combination of the spiral bevel and worm type. It is very quiet in operation. The motion of the teeth is a combination of rolling and sliding, causing high loading pressure and high rubbing speed. Very special "Extreme Pressure" lubri-

BEGUINES

(c) Women leading a pious but not monastic life, in the late Mid-die Ages mainly in the Low Countries. Some lived alone, others in communities. They took vows of cellbacy, but were free to re-nounce them. They clashed with the religious authorities. mainly because of their belief in a direct personal relationship with God.

(b) A type of damask. It looks like that produced by the secondary weft of Lampar. One or more weft threads working together form the ground and the pattern motifs. The latter are formed by floats bound in a weave in which the ends interlace in groups of

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.6640 (-0.0095) German Mark 2.7731 (-0.0324) Exchange index 99.7 (-1.1) Bank of England official close (4pm

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 3551.3 (+17.7) FTSE 100 5882.6 (+15.4) New York Dow Jones 9189.41 (-28.58) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 13842.17 (+135.44)





THE FACTS

Market cap: £17 billion. Termover: £3 billion. Pre-tax profit: £823 million. Employees: 27,000. Overview: Reed Elsevier is a

leading global player in the provision of "must have" prossional and business-tobusiness information. It is particularly strong in scientific and legal publishing, both hard copy and online, and it also has a significant travel information business.

THE BOARD

The current board reflects the fact that the company is in transition from the dual structure put in place after the 1993 merger of Reed international and Elsevier.

To prepare for the change in April, David Webster the Safeway chairman, has been appointed interim nonexecutive chairman. He will then give way to Morris Tabaksblat, currently charman and chief executive of Unilever, who joined the Reed Elsevier board last vear. Mr Tabaksblat will also Succeed Plerre Vinken as chairman of the Elsevier supervisory board in April, when Mr Vinken reaches the statutory retirement age.

Horman Braggink and Nidel Stanleton are to stand down as co-chairmen and become co-chief executive officers. A global search is under way to find a single

Other members of the executive committee include John Mellon, a director of Reed International since 1990, and Mark Armour, the chief financial officer. who will serve on the boards of the two parent groups from April. The other executive directors are Neville worth, chairman of the Reed Elsevier legal division; Herman Spruijt, chairman of Esevier Science; and Onne Laman Trip, director of human resources.

Apart from Mr Tabaksblat. Mr Webster and Mr Vinken, the non-executive directors include Richard Bodman managing partner of AT&T Ventures: Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman of Ti Group; Lock van Vollenhoven, deputy chairman of the Elsevier board since 1995; Steven Perrick, partner in De Brau Blackstone Westbroek, the Dutch law firm; and Rolf Stomb erg, former head of BP Oil and chairman designate of

John Mowlem.

t Reed Elsevier, the international profes-sional and business information group, the executives could be forgiven for wishing that 2000 comes as quickly as possible. At the very least they must be grateful that 1998 is over.

The kindest thing that can be said about Reed Elsevier at the moment is that managerially, technologically and commercially last year was one of transition, a year in which investments in the future have been made but not yet recouped and in which uncerrainty hung over the company and its share price like a cloud. As a result, the British half of

the Anglo-Dutch group, Reed International, underperformed the FTSE 100 by about 35 per cent and was the sixth-worst performer. Elsevier fared, if anything, slightly worse on the Amsterdam bourse.

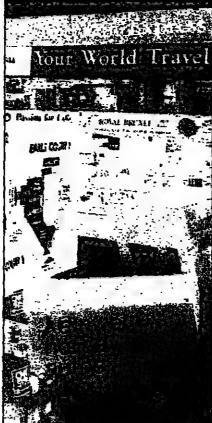
"Just when you think things can't any get worse they spin downwards again," says a disappointed media analyst who, like many of the company's shortterm critics, is still a mediumterm supporter of the company's strategy of leaving the world of consumer publishing far behind and concentrating on high-margin professional publishing, such as scientific journals. Reed Elsevier suffered curren-

cy problems, now easing, like many other international groups, and the Far East economic crisis took its toll. There was, for example, a sudden lack of appetite in South Korea for paying expensive scientific journal subscriptions in advance.

But Reed suffered a much wider variety of buffetings and setbacks, many unrelated. The collapse of the merger with Wolters Kluwer, apparently because of potential regulatory problems in Brussels, was followed by problems in the Reed Travel Group.

The company admits it was slow to invest in online travel products and is now reconciled to serving the hard-copy and CD-Rom section of the market. The compensation programme for advertisers who suffered from "irregularities" involving circulation claims by a number of Reed Travel publications led to an exceptional charge of £230 million.

The uncertainty increased in August, when the company announced that it planned to move to a unitary structure with a single non-executive chairman and a new sole chief executive. The group's cochairmen, Herman Bruggink. a traditional hard-copy publisher, and Nigel Stapleton, 13 years with the company after 18 years in Unilever, both said that they did not want to be considered for the new chief executive role. The new struc-







Show time: Reed Elsevier, which holds exhibitions worldwide tied in to its business magazines, faces restructuring at the highest level. Nigel Stapleton, currently co-chairman, left, and Mark Armour, chief financial officer, will soon be working under the sole chairmanship of Morris Tabaksblat, far right

ture, although ultimately sensible, if only to stop squabbling and tension between some of the British and Dutch nonexecutive directors, appeared to create a temporary vacuum.

There were worries about Thomson's Westlaw taking market share from Reed's Lexis Nexus database system, but above all there were shortterm City concerns about the investing of tens of millions of pounds on moving to electronic delivery systems, particularly ScienceDirect, the online scientific information service that will have 1,200 journals loaded this year.

For many, the final straw came with last month's statement admitting that trading conditions in some of Reed Elsevier's markets had become more difficult in the past few months and that pre-tax profits were likely to be about £770 million, some 6 per cent less than last year's figure.

The trading statement did not go down well. Credit Suisse First Boston headlined its note: "Reed Elsevier: The Ugly Duckling." Under the headline "Disappointed", Bankers Trust said that the company had continued what appeared to be a three-year trend of giving disappointing news in its year-end trading statements.

As Mr Stapleton has conceded privately, there is enough black paint around for a black picture to be painted if that is what people want to do.

In fact, the Reed Elsevier cochairman is very positive about Reed's future. However, he concedes that "a number of one-off factors in 1998" have tended to

despite the recent profits warning."

investment in electronic products.

"Will the costly period of investment in electronic publishing

have the desired impact in terms of accelerated revenue

likely that a new manager will take six or nine months settling

in, there will be drift and increasingly people will question the

Paul Richards, West LB Paumere

obscure what he regards as good performances in the base businesses. He concedes that uncertainties about whether the electronic publishing strategy would pay off, whether the travel business could be stabilised and over who would be chief executive in the new unitary structure have acted as a depressant on the share price.

which ought to impact on the share price even before performance factors start to flow." He acknowledges the pressure to produce returns, but notes that there is little evidence anywhere else that migration to electronic publishing can produce overnight miracles. "But it can bring attractive

returns, particularly when you have the sort of brand franchis-Mr Stapleton says: "During the course of 1999 we would exes and content advantages that pect those uncertainties to be Reed Elsevier has," he adds. addressed in a positive way, A relatively small amount of good news could transform the present gloomy percep-tions of Reed Elsevier. Though there are no current talks out-

growth? The answer, I think, is it will, but it won't manifest itever. Reed executives note a softening of attitudes in Brusself until the year 2000. We are maintaining our neutral rating sels and the determination of Richard Dale, Salomon Smith Barney Havas and Bertelsmann to grow in the professional busi-The golden scenario for this year is that a new chief executive publishing market will come in and make announcements about the company should increase competition and there will be a Pearson-type re-rating, it is much more and reduce the apparent domi-

nance a Reed Eisevier/Wolters Kluwer tie-up would create. Even if that deal can never be resurrected. Reed still sees a

side normal business deal-

ings, a merger with Wolters

Kluwer cannot be ruled out for

targets and has plenty of balance sheet capacity to pursue them. And anyway, as analysts hint darkly, if the manage-

ment of Reed Elsevier cannot unlock the undoubted value in the company, then someone else can. In reality, Reed Elsevier, with separate quotes in London and Amsterdam, would not be an obvious target for a hostile takeover. Although there is a technolo-

gy agreement in place with Mi-crosoft, it is a little fanciful to see the US software group playing the role of corporate saviour for Reed Elsevier. That is likely to come from less romantic and more old-fashioned virtues such as getting the management structure right and making sure the strategy already in place - which is widely admired even by some of the company's more astringent crit-

ics — is properly implemented. Quite simply, the claim that the three core Reed Elsevier businesses are performing well is almost certainly true. The position of Reed Travel has been stabilised and the division has been more closely integrated

into business publishing, it

should remain a strong cash cow for the foresceable future. The company's scientific division had revenues of E571 million and operating profits of £230 million in 1997 — a 40 per margin and a 66 per cent return on capital invested. Despite such attractive margins, it will be very difficult for competitors to challenge the com-pany's market-leading journals in the physical, life and social sciences - above all because of the importance to scientists of peer review and ensuring that their papers

appear in the right journals.

The investment in the move to electronic distribution was vital to protect those high margins. In 2000 analysis are looking for revenues of about £700 million and operating profits in the region of £300 million from scientific.

The acquisition of the legal publisher Matthew Bender should help Reed Elsevier to compete more effectively with Westiaw, as will the launch of a number of new legal products on the Internet this year.

The company scores well with Crisp Consulting, the specialist consultancy, on boardroom pay. Mr Stapleton's experience justifies his remunera-tion of £828,000, even though his responsibilities are diffused by a complex management structure, which also gives rise to an excessive number of nonexecutive directors.

However, on ethical expression it fares less well. According to integrity Works, the in-dependent consultant, the company apparently has no statement of business principles -"a surprising omission" - and its other forms of ethical expres-

sion are short of best practice. Above all, what Reed Elsevier needs now is time and papent investors to see whether it . really can deliver on the promises made. Although it ap-pears that the gloom has been considerably overdone, the only certainty is that we will not know for sure until the pext millennium.

RAYMOND SNODDY

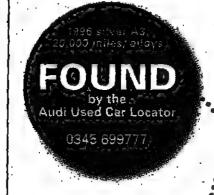
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BP denies falling oil price will cost 1,000 UK jobs

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BRITISH PETROLEUM yesterday denied that the collapse in the oil price would cost 1,000 jobs in its UK opera-

The British oil major, which has been catapulted into the mega-majors with its £33 billion takeover of Amoco of the US, making it the larg-est company on the London Stock Exchange, said it is not expecting heavy job losses in its North Sea operations.

A spokesman for the company said yesterday: "When the merger with Amoco was announced last August we said that 6,000 jobs would go, but that most of these would be in the States. As a consequence of falling oil prices this number may be stightly higher, but any job losses will still be concentrated in the US."

He added that, in comparison, job losses in the UK would be "fairly small".

BP currently employs near-ly 3,500 people in its exploration and production arm. Most of these jobs are based

Reports have suggested that numbers may be cut by up to 40 per cent. BP, however, denied that there would be mass redundancies in the UK over coming months.

Fears were sparked after the price of Brent crude oil collapsed to its lowest level for 12 years, falling below the \$10

With weak demand for oil and overproduction, the industry has seen considerable consolidation over the past year as a means of controlling and reducing costs.

THE VERDICE

Other big mergers, such as those between Exxon and Mobil and Total and Petrofina, are likely to result in job cuts. both in the UK and abroad. Amerada Hess, Lasmo, En-

terprise Oil, Texaco and Shell have already announced jobcuts in the UK. The company also denied re-ports that it could write off about £2 billion from its oil assets when it announces its

1998 results next month. A spokesman for the company said: This is complete



New Deal on offer in the high-tech jobcentre at Brixton Hill, South London, where job-seekers locate posts by computer

New Deal is accused of ignoring small firms

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

SMALL COMPANIES are vir-New Deal, the Government's programme to reduce unemployment, according to a survey for the Federation of Small

The federation believes that unless things improve the national network of jobcentres responsible for implementing the Government's flagship scheme might as well be

Researchers found that jobcentres had contacted only 15 per cent of the 1,800 small and medium-sized businesses questioned in the survey. The study also found that some smaller companies complained that they were sent poor calibre

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candidates, while 44 per cent Although it is early days for the scheme, a time limit said that confusion was the should be given to get things worst feature of the New Deal. running smoothly.
"If it cannot make the grade, The federation says that job-

centres should be privatised if they cannot provide a better service for employers wishing to join the Government's unthe Employment Service has prime high street locations which would be attractive to employment initiative. the private sector."

The Government launched resents 125,000 businesses, the New Deal soon after comthinks that smaller companies ing to power to find work for are losing out on the scheme, the long-term young jobless, which gives employers a subsi-dy of up to £75 a week for New but the scheme has since been extended to older people.

The Department for Educa-

tion and Employment denied that the Employment Service was failing smaller businesses survey suggest new impetus is over the New Deal. A spokesman said that the federation's comments were "at odds with their own survey, which was in key aspects encouraging". He said: "More than 35,000

employers have now signed to New Deal and the overwhelming majority of those are small and medium-sized enterprises. Business satisfaction with New Deal and New Deal recruits is one of the core measures on which we are evaluating the performance of the programme and continuously driving forward to improve

The Government said that its research showed that 82 per cent of smaller companies that had contacted the New Deal information line were pleased, very pleased or extremely pleased by their experience.

Caradon close to agreeing sale of **Everest**

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By CAROLINE MERRELL

CARADON, the struggling building materials group, is poised to sell its Everest double-glazing subsidiary to the privately owned Bardox Group, based in Manchester.

Bardox, which specialises in home improvements, is also interested in buying Caradon's other doors and windows manafacturing division. It is be lieved to have bid about £40 million for the divisions.

Caradon announced in September that it planned to sell off its Everest subsidiary in an attempt to refocus the compa-ny on plumbing, electrical controis and printing personalised chequebooks.

Jurgen Hintz, chief executive, who took charge just over a year ago, decided that Everest, along with three other subsidiaries - Caradon doors and windows, Camic, a steel lintels business and Terrain plastic piping - did not fit with Caradon's future strategy. The doors and windows business posted profits of only £100,000 in the first half of last

was asked to carry out the sale of the four subsidiaries. Bardox was set up a decade ago and had sales of £85 mil-lion last year. Two years ago, 3i, the venture capital firm, bought a 20 per cent stake in Bardox, with the aim of building it up to become a leader in the home improvements mar-ket. Caradon's pre-tax profits were £53.7 million, while operating profits fell from £65 mil-

lion to £63 million. It is thought that Caradon believes that selling Everest and the doors and windows manufacturing division sep-arately from the two other divisions will raise more

money. Caradon's shares have been numbling in value since 1994. Mr Hintz believes that one of the group's problems has been its strategy of charging a pre-mium price for simple items such as boilers, wiring boxes, and door bells. These are lines that tend to be affected by cheap imports.

Buyers for the other two businesses are expected to be finalised shortly.

Moment of truth for retailers in the spotlight

etailers will this week start to do their final count of Christmas takings and begin telling investors whether trade was as bad as it seemed.

The first post-Christmas trading statement is due today from Goldsmiths, the jeweller. It will be followed by Littlewoods, the privately owned catalogue and high street retailer, on Thursday. The bulk of trading statements are due next week and the week after.

Retailers complained almost unanimously in the run-up to Christmas that trade had been hit by a sharp downturn in consumer confidence, and many began their winter sales a week

or so early, some before Christmas Day. even if the volume of sales rose, profits will year. Warburg Dillon Read have suffered.

One of the most eagerly awaited trading statements will be from Marks & Spencer, but come out before the week beginning January 25. Sir Richard Green bury. Sales pitch: early opening man of the

chairman, said that sales had "fallen off a cliff in November, and described the clothing market as "a bloodbath".

Trade is not thought to have improved since, and the company has taken what for it is the almost revolutionary step of resorting to television advertising to attract customers to its winter sale. Next, which appears to

have been doing relatively well, was one of the first to make a trading statement last January, but it may well hold off for a few days this Many retailers have been

relucant to set the date for their trading statement, hop-ing to choose the best moment nearer the time. But Signet, the jewellers, Selfridges and Boots have indicated that they will issue theirs next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday re-spectively. Kingfisher (Com-et, Superdrug, Woolworths and B&O), Sears (Wallis, Warehouse, Richards and Freemans), House of Fraser, Laura Ashley and Austin Reed are likely to come out in the same week, as will DixCurrys), which has results to announce. Debenhams will issue its statement the following Tuesday.

Sears will be watched particularly closely because Philip Green, the retail entrepreneur who has made two informal offers for the group, has said he will wait until he sees the group's Christmas trading statement before deciding on his next move. Freemans, the Sears catalogue company, is believed by analysts to have been through a particularly

lough time. Arcadia, the company behind Dorothy Perkins, Top Shop, Miss Selfridge and Burton Menswear, which

was nunished by the market for a surprise ing just three weeks before Christmas, is another company with a is likely to issue an update on trading to coincide with

January 21. Richard Hy-

consultancy, said he expects this to emerge as the worst Christmas for retailers for years. He said that early indications were that the January sales will also turn out to be something of a damp squib. "I don't see how the January sales are going to be fantastic," he said. "They'll be okay, because they've got to be, because Christmas

trading was so bad. "I'm not sure that a lot of consumers are being that easily motivated by the lowering of prices. For a lot of them, going to a shopping centre like Lakeside is just a day out."

The only retailer so far to indicate how Christmas went has been John Lewis, which issues weekly figures. It said that after a very slow start to the month it expects to see December come out flat against last year. However, it has opened a new store during the year, at Cribb's Causeway in Bristol, and December is likely to have seen a disappointing fall in likefor-like sales.

SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Germany quells talk of VAT rise

Dr Bernard Juby, the federa-

tion's employment spokes-

man, said: "The findings of the

needed to get the New Deal

working for small businesses.

Deal workers.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BONN

THE GERMAN Government yesterday moved quickly to quell reports that it is plan-ning to raise the value-added tax rate in the country by two percentage points.

Reports in the German press said that Gerhard Schrö der's Social Democrat-led coalition planned to raise VAT to cover a multibillion mark gap in the country's budget.
The reports, citing sources in both federal and regional

governments, said Bonn needed extra cash to cover the cost of corporate tax reforms and measures to fight unemployment. The Government would justify the rises by saying they were needed to harmonise sales taxes within the European Union, it was claimed. A German Finance Minis-

try spokesman said the report. in the Bild am Sonntag newspaper, was complete fiction. There are no plans to raise value-added tax, and we do not need to do so to finance government spending plans." The European Commission has proposed VAT rates in the EU should be between 17 and 21 per cent, instead of the cur-

Bill Gates may bid for BT television franchise

BY ROBERT LEA

The main bidders expected

WESTMINSTER CABLE, arguably Britain's most prestigious cable television franchise, could end up under the ownership of Bill Gates, the computing multibillionaire.
British Telecom is prepar-

ing to auction its two cable franchises — Westminster and another in Milton Keynes ahead of the launch of its interactive television home shop-ping and banking joint ven-ture with British Sky Broadcasting, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times.

to line up for the two franchises are the cable TV operators Cable & Wireless Communications, Telewest Communica-tions and NTL, which recently made an offer for Newcastle However, it has emerged

that Bill Gates's Microsoft may bid for the franchises, which would not only give Mr Gates his first presence in UK cable television, but also give him a footbald in television Inhim a foothold in television internet access to British homes. BT is selling the franchises as



a condition of its 32.5 per cent stake in British Interactive Broadcasting in the consortium with BSkyB, HSBC, the banking group, and Panasonic, the Japanese electronics group. It has to do a deal by the spring, by which time BiB is expected

to be ready to launch. BT, which is being advised by Hawkpoint, the corporate finance boutique manned by former NatWest executives, could raise hundreds of millions of pounds from the sale because of the unique nature of Westminster Cable. Its potential viewing customers include not only MPs but also

some of the smartest addresses in the capital. Neither BT nor Microsoft was prepared to comment yesterday. Investment in cable relevision, however, would not be new to Microsoft, which bought a stake in Comcast in the US in 1997.

A sale to Microsoft is also likely to suit BT. which already has a partnership with Mr Gates's company through its WebTV Internet television venture in the UK. It would mean not having to sell out to the other British cable operators, who rival BT in the UK

Germany's rate is 16 per cent. Bill Gates may gain a foothold in television Internet in the UK telephony market. AIM hopes for brighter 1999

By Fraser Nelson

INVESTORS are hoping the Alternative Investment Market can recover from its disastrous performance in 1998, when it suffered its sharpest setback.

Since the market was set up in July 1995, its stocks have dominated the top ten risers of the following years - with about an equal representation among the losers. This year, the AIM managed only three of the top ten performers and dominated the hall of shame.

Its best shot was Independent Energy Holdings, which came to the market two years ago to profit from deregulation of electricity. It now supplies some 800 com-panies, and the City decided to take it seriously this year as it started to win contracts. This took the shares up a stagger-

ng 292 per cent, Next hest was Fieldens, which until re- um, which used to pride itself on a 35 per ntly was a sleepy agricultural concern cent option over a North Russia oil ex-

supplying tractor tyres. Derek Bonham, the former Hanson chief executive, bought a 29.9 per cent stake at 23p and said he would make serious acquisitions. The shares, which started the year at 26kp, more than trebled soon after-

However, the AIM's losers were even more spectacular. Investors in Selector lost 94 per cent of their holding over the year as the Israeli company — which makes a Fob Stop device that prevents beer dregs flowing from a dead barrel -failed to resolve its cash crisis.

Sibir Energy's only asset was stakes in oil companies that hope to do business in Western Siberia. Hopes of it making any sort of money from Russia collapsed over the year and the shares lost 91 per cent of their value.

The same fate befell Northern Petrole-

plorer. The economic concerns sent its shares down 90 per cent.

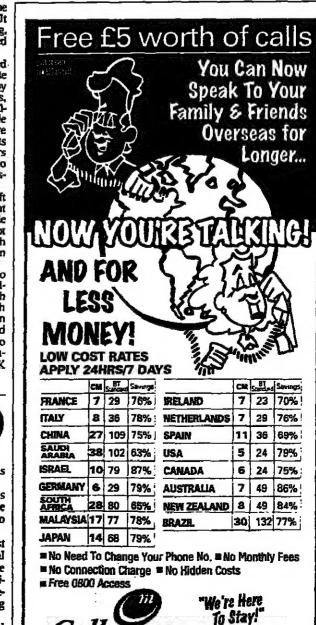
Analysts say that the AIM's problem is that still it lacks liquidity. Quite often the prices quoted are theoretical because no one is actually buying or selling.

Also, it openly bills itself as the riskiest

bourse in London. This does not appeal to investors who have been stung by the sort of crash seen in July. Their confidence is slowly recovering, but they pre-fer the security of the FTSE 100 to taking a punt on the AIM.

Better conditions with the fully listed markets will need to continue longer before the recovery seeps back into the high-risk Alternative Investment Market. Only then will it have a better chance of delivering the "high-reward" part of the equation that has been missing for the best part of this year.

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Callmate The World At Your Fingertips

Expect a better sort of recession

or another dire recession? We all expect 1999 to be a bad year, but the question is how bad. Forget the idea of a gentle slow-down. It is going to be much worse than that. The experts have been revising down their projections for ages now. Shave a bit off this month, then trim a bit more next, and after a few months the forecast will be much lower without getting out of step with others, and without anyone noticing that you got it hopelessly wrong in the first place. When the forecasters are playing that game, it pays to jump straight to the end result - recession.

In my view, the UK will find itself in technical recesimproved markedly. sion this year, that is to say, there will be two consecutive quarters of negative growth. It will have been brought on principally by the lagged effects of super-strong sterling, and compounded by the weakness of markets in Asia. The consequent squeeze in manufacturing will result in lower investment spending and reductions in stocks. This will be compounded by the softness of consumer spending as people start to fear for their jobs in response to a rise

Yet this does not amount to a return to a familiar pattern. The past three serious recessions have been characterised by profound structural ses which the shortweaknesses which the short-fall of demand has laid bare. recession of the mid-1970s, which was ostensibly brought on by the first oil crisis. hit a corporate sector that was overmanned and badly managed, and an econ-omy ravaged by rampant in-flation and appalling industrial relations. By the time that the combination of the second oil crisis and the Thatcher Government's adoption of sado-monetarism delivered another cold shower in 1980-81, not much improve-ment had occurred. During the 1980s, however, the management of businesses

True, this did not stop the recession of 1990-91, but this was the direct result of the consumer boom of the late 1980s. Consumers had gone mad, driving up house prices to absurd levels and borrowing as if there were no tomor-row. The result was the need to impose 15 per cent interest rates on consumers weighed down with debt. Add in an overvalued currency tied to the European exchange-rate mechanism and you had the makings of another macroeconomic disaster.

Yet the improvement in the underlying position of British



companies meant that when the interest rate and exchange rate squeeze came off in September 1992, Britain was able to enjoy a sustained expansion accompanied by only moderate inflation. amounting to the most successful period for the British

economy since the war. Now recession beckons again. This time, though, the corporate sector is, on the whole, well managed. Balance sheets are sound and profits high. Moreover, consumers have not been on a binge and their debts are reasonable. Nor, outside Central London, have house prices been pushed to ridiculous levels. Meanwhile, the public are extremely sound. Whisper it, lest you be thought complacent - the British economy is actually in

rather good shape.

cline will go too far and that consumers and businesses will anticipate falling prices and therefore put off purchases? I defer to no one in warning of the seriousness of the deflation danger, but, for 1999 at least, this bugbear should surely pass Britain by The starting level of inflation is simply too high and pay is rising too fast for the change in psychology to occur so quickly. Even so, the Monetary Poli-

fall further, to perhaps 1.5 per cent by the end of the year. Is

there a danger that this de-

cy Committee will be scurrying to protect its reputation against the charge that, hav-ing partly precipitated the wnturn, it then failed to see its seriousness before it was too late, Meanwhile, in euroland, the ECB is already under pressure to cut rates from the starting level of 3.3 per cent. If, as I expect, the euro is strong on the exchanges, then the MPC will have to keep cutting rates to stop the pound from being dragged up sharply against the dollar.

Interest rates are in a powerful downtrend which, in my view, will take them to levels unseen for a generation back to where they began before the inflationary genie escaped from the bottle. Since 1981, each successive trough

one. Indeed, the most recent peak, namely 75 per cent, was exactly equal to the low point reached in the middle of the Lawson boom. The last trough, when Kenneth Clarke was Chancellor, was 5.25 per cent. Rates are now surely destined to fall well below that. Older readers will recall that the Bank rate was set at 2 per cent between 1932 and 1951. By the end of this year, base rates may be down to 4 per cent, but the bottom of this interest rate cycle may ultimately be below 3 per cent.

o much for 1999. Doubtless you'll by now he wanting to know about next year. Will this year's downturn continue or will it be followed by a recovery? If there is one thing you should never forecast, it is the future. So, for once, I am going to give a typical economists answer — it all depends. But what it depends upon is pro-foundly significant. It de- it all depends. But pends upon how serious the vorid situation becomes and whether deflationary psychology has started, by then, to get a grip. It will not turn on a crisis at home in either the corporate sector or the public finances. After all that we have gone through, that is, as

A patent need to nurture our promising inventors

Moreover, inflation is set to

Trevor Baylis, the inventor who created the clockwork radio. which operates without electricity or batteries, makes a plea for wider support for a new Academy of Invention in Britain

or many years, i have campaigned for an Academy of Invention in Britain. A place where you and I may go for the encouragement, help and resources to turn a seemingly wildcat, crazy idea into a product or process that will benefit

former Trade and Industry Secretary, seemed to have grasped this notion quite well. His recent address to Parliament made this clear, but, alas, he has now left the Department of Trade and Industry and a newcomer has taken over. My concern is obvious. Do I have to start all over again with the new minister? How long do we all have to wait for help?

It is not widely known that when you apply for a patent you have only 12 months before you have to find extraordinary sums of money just to keep open the possibility of securing your intellectual property outside of the UK.

Believe me, 12 months is not very long. I have now been waiting five years for help. How many inventors with promising ideas have gone to the wall in that time? As individuals, we do not have all the skills needed to bring an idea. or process to the marketplace. An academy would be there to do just that.

The deal is simply this: viable projects will be undertaken by the academy on the understanding that, when the product or process is sold or licensed, the academy will share in the rewards. This income will, in time, serve to maintain the academy and make it cost-effective. It is not the intention for the academy to give monies to projects, but

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Trevor Baylis, in the workshop where he devised wind-up radios, wants an academy to help seemingly crazy ideas to become products

to spend money on projects on behalf of the inventor. We provide the expertise and resources to ensure that the project is fully protected and safely brought to the marketplace. In discussion with Lord Putmam, chairman of the National Endowment for Science.

Technology and the Arts (Nes-ta), I found him extremely encouraging. Nesta can be approached for funding for certain projects and the organisa-

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tion will give assistance within its remit. Unfortunately, money to help us to start up cannot be obtained through this route. When we approached the DII for funds, it referred us back to Nesta, also suggesting that co-operation with the Institute of Patentees and Inventors ([Pl] would assist.

Discussions with them are ongoing, but it is not easy. That organisation was formed some 78 years ago and I have

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supported it faithfully for many years. The academy must be self-supporting and I am unsure whether the change of gear that would be necessary for the LPI to run with it would be acceptable to the present IPI members who control it. The Government should

have involvement in the

scheme because the academy is about people. If our inventive citizens are to benefit and become successful, the most effective way would be with government support with a view to creating an independent body. This would not only help inventors to bring their ideas to fruition, but also to protect them from being exploited and losing control of their ideas, and, more often than not, failing to be reward-

ed properly.

It is important that the Government shares financially in the success of the academy, but it will do so by the process of personal and corporate taxation of the successes. Is it too much to ask that in order to do so it should allocate some of the £200 million that the DTI spends on its own (nnovation Unit to the "people's academy? Academy funding will also come from industry and from its members, but that comes later as we grow. It must always be accountable and, preferably, be run as a charitable organisation. The name of the game is to break even in each financial year We have already found willing support from a wide variety of persons and bodies, including members of both Houses of Parliament, many firms and individuals concerned with innovation, various academic institutions and societies, banks, businesses and individual inventors.

Just as art is taught in schools, so it is essential that invention is taught in our schools. Youngsters should have an understanding of their own intellectual capacity and their ability to create intellectual property.

Te can teach the tion and what has befallen inventors in the past, the imporrance of the Patent Office and what services it provides, how to do market research, how to work on business plans and how to work on a prototype and resolve technical

problems Extraordinary camaraderie exists between inventors, and those who become successful because of an academy would, I know, stand with newcomers to the academy to help them in their hour of need. Neve again should a person feel ashamed or awkward in saying he or she is an inventor. After all, if you can solve a problem, you are on the way to becoming an inventor.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Farming put in a spin

Oliver Walston presents a four-part series in which he says the unthinkable, at least where most of his fellow farmers are concerned. It is that the subsidy fellow farmers are concerned. It is that the subsidy to British agriculture, currently E4 billion a year, should be ended, leaving the market to supply and demand. Although himself the recipient of a £180,000 annual cheque from the taxpayer. Walston says the system is crazy and has turned farmers into subsidy junkies. He has support from Sean Rickard, former economist to the National Parmers Union who argues that subsidies raise the price of land and make farmers dependent. Walston's proposal is less well received by Michael Hart, who struggles to make a living from a tiny dairy farm in Cornwall. Walston is sympathetic but unmoved. If small farmers are subsidiesd, why not corner shops and hairdressers? not corner shops and hairdressers?

TTV, 9.00pm

A new police series needs to have a very good excuse for entering an overgrowded field. The justification for The Vice, an audience grabbing of the if ever there was one, is that no other police show is concentrating on prostitutes, pimps and pomography. Episode one offers all of that, with a rape and a murder thrown in. But against such cynicism it must also be granted that in its grubby chosen area this is an efficient piece of television, with writing, camerawork and acting up to standard. As inspector Chappel, the admirable Ken Stotl leads a neam which includes David Harewood, the National Theatre's Othello, and Caroline Catz, seen recently as a sexually barassed poline Catz, seen recently as a secually barassed po-lice officer in The Bill Anna Chancellor, once of Kavanagh QC is the police shrink destined to share the lonely Chappel's bed.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

The team which treated us to series about plane and road crashes turns its attention to tragedies at sea. Like all such ventures, it tries to mitigate the potential for voyeurism by highlighting safety lessons. Programme one is about things that go wrong with seagoing for pleasure. But the main

Patrick Malahide as John Harrison in The Search for Longitude (BBC2, 930pm)

concern is with the terrible things that can happen on cruise liners. More and more people are taking cruises and more sind more ships are catching lire. went up in flames between Norway and Dennark, with the loss of 158 lives. According to the inquiry, the ship was unfit to sail and the actions of the crew made matters worse. The programme says there is so little regulation that it could happen again.

Horizon Special: The Search for Longitude BBC2, 9.30pm

A season of programmes exploring the history and uses of time opens with a deserved tribute to John Harrison, an Adam Hart-Davis Local Hero if ever there was one. Until Harrison, a man of the 18th century, there was no sure way that sailors could know the position of a ship on the high seas. Wap makers had long since used grid lines of latinude and longitude to indicate points on the surface of the Earth. But, only latitude was measurable. Enter, from a small village in Lincohshire, John Harrison, carpenier and self-taught clockmaker. After four warships were wrecked off the Cornish coast in 1707, with the loss of 2,000 lives, Parliament offered a reward equal to 66 million today to anybody who could devise a means of finding longitude at sea. Harrison was convinced that the answer lay in clocks but it sook but 43 years to prove it. years to prove it.

Andrew Sachs's exemplary reading of Temayson's lengthy narrative poem raises the question; isn't it gilding the tily when someone adds music to words that already have music in them? I never approved

of it when Jim Parker's times were stitched into John Betjeman's recorded readings of his verse. Nor was I won over by it when William Walton composed music for Edith Sitwell's Facade. Tempyon Enoch Arden hells the story of a shipwrecked sailor with retires borne of the transfer for the story of the sto

Afternoon Play: Enoch Arden

Radio 4, 2.15pm

Benn's Gallery

Tony Benn has left his stamp on history. But for him, we wouldn't be in the happy position of being able to buy, inter alia, a David Hockney miniature for the price of a postage stamp. Until Benn became Postmaster-General in the 1960s, special issue stamps were few and far between Now, something like a billion commemorative stamps are printed every year, and Benn's Gallery entertainingly graphs the innoyation's highs and lows. There's a good yarn about a stamp design showing the innovatance of water. One artist came showing the importance of water. One artist came up with the picture of a lavatory with the seat up. The Queen appeared to be looking down into the basin. The design was rejected in favour of a picture of a domestic tap.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

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RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

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TALK RADIO

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BBC WORLD SERVICE

sailor who returns home after ten years to find his wife married to his rival for her affections. I urge you to read this poem for yourself. Then ask yourself whether Richard Strauss's piano music, played by Victor Sangiorgio, is an aid or a his played by Victor Sangiorgio, is an aid or a his discount.

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CLASSIC FM

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6.00em On Air with Stephanie Hughes. Sibelius (Karella Suite); Berioz (L'entance du Christ — Overture to Part 2: Shepherds' Farewell) 9.00 Masterworts with Peter Hobday, Beethoven (Rondo a Capriccio in G. Op 129, Rage over a Lost Penny); Verdi (Macbeth — Witches' Chorus and Beleti; Rameau (Tambourin) 10.30 Artist of the Weels: Dietrich, Fischer-Dieskau Loan Belewelt Belis to the German haritone

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11.00 Sound Stories: Five Painters — Leonardo da
Vinci with Donald Macleod
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Francis Poulenc
1.00pm The Redio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from
the Wigmore Hall, London, Nikolai Demidenko
plays Chopin's celebrated set of 24 Preludes and
a selection of etudes-tableaus by Rachmantinov
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Neglonal Orchestra of
Wales under Mark Wigglesworth and Grant
Llewebyr, with Anu Komsi, sofrano
4.00 Opera in Action Robert Lloyd takes over as
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4.45 Music Machine with Tommy Pearson
5.00 In Tune To celebrate the centenery of Francois
Poulenc this week, Sean Rafferty talks to jezz
musicians about the influence of the composer
7.30 Performance on 3: Howard Ferguson at 90

Philip Martin, piano, Christopher Matman, baritone, Ulster Orchestra, under Adrian Leaper Howard Ferguson (Overture for an Occasion); Finzi, orch Ferguson (The Fall of the Leaf); Ferguson (Piano Concerto; Two Ballads); Finzi (Let Us Gariands Bring); Ferguson (Partita) 9.15 Postsoript: Fictuality — One Glant Leap by Sue Teddem, Five drematic monologues that combine forting and a page story (f)

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10.00 Votces lain Burnside introduces a specially recorded programme of music by Brahms and by those composing uniter his influence. Ketarina Kameus, mezzo, William Dazeley, baritone

10.45 Militation it with Mark Russell and Robert Sandali

11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shiption presents a three-part concert leaturing young jazz musicians

12.00 Composer of the Weels Saint-Saens (f)

1.00 Arthur Grumiaux Trio, Mozart (Plano Trio in 8 flat, K602); Pavel (Plano Trio in A minor); Saint-Saens (Plano Trio No 2 in E minor, Op 92)

2.30 Arthoric Liehmann (Mass in D minor) 4.10 Martinu (La Revue de Cuisine) 4.35 Kraus (Symphony in C minor, Symphonia Funebre)

5.30am (FM) World News
5.30 (LW) Test Match Special Australia v England.
Further coverage of the fifth Tast in Sychey
5.35 (FM) Shipping 5.40 (FM) Inshore Forecast
6.45 (FM) Prayer for the Day with Lavinia Byrne
6.00 (FM) only until 7.00am) Today Includes a progress report on how the Euro is trading against other currencies
9.00 Start the Week with Jeramy Paymen
9.45 (FM) Sertis: The Vanished World Philip Franks begins a five-part reading from the autobiography of H.E. Bales
9.45 (LW) Dailty Service With the Rawstome Singers
10.00 Woman's Hour with Marina Keamey and guests
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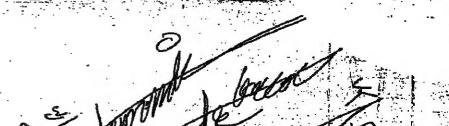
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6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue with Jeremy Hardy,
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7.45 Under One Roof by Michele Harson (r)
8.00 Dr Graham's Schools Tim Jenkins sets off for Bengal to visit a school for Anglo-Indians established almost a century ago.
8.30 Analysis Frances Caimcross asks whether the cult of progress" for its own sake is losing momentum.
9.00 Nesture: Insight Howard Stableford investigates various theores about the organs of life on Earth 8.30 Start the Week (r)
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Sometimes silliness is the sensible option

and bald wig squeaked: After you've had your supper and said prayers, how long is it before your hand slips down your pyjama bottoms? Interviewee Damon Hill looked puzzled and answered that he didn't wear pyja-

As "The Stotis", two infantile circus clowns with their own chatshow, Reeves and Mortimer treat their guests with as little respect as Dennis Pennis ambushing celebrities and a good deal less than Mrs Merton. It would be nice to record that Hill took it in good part, but he didn't actually get the opportuni-ty. He just sat there while they asked if his nose had been tested in a wind tunnel and if he took a map or just followed everybody else.
It was not the first hands down-

pants gag either. You don't have to have the mind of a pubertal boy to enjoy Bang, Bang, Ir's Reeves and Mortimer (BBC2, Priday).

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their new series wore on. I realised that I must still have one myself. After three years of thigh-rubbing, stuffed bear hurling, Ultika Jonsson-baiting, the revived sketch for-mar was so completely silly from start to finish that it is quite difficult to explain why any of it is fun-

Occasionally there is a hint of satire, such as the mock docusoap about a sleazy Hull club where the host. Paul Baron, has Sellotaped ladies' knickers to the bar-stools for . in other respects, could hardly his "Erotic Night", or "Fun! Pun! Fun!", a sketch scathingly exposing seaside slot machines as tacky rip-offs. There's a touch of Post-Modernist something or other in the enormous Gilbert and Georgestyle portraits which dominate the

But such glimpses of social ob-servation and critical intelligence are completely irrelevant. Most of the material consists of the two of

but it helps. As the first show of them beating each other's heads with huge frying pans, take pistols and baseball buts or chopping down two trees which are blocking their car doors instead of driving past them. Reeves and Mortimer rap into something very basic and

> eing silly is, after all, a kind of freedom and they have D an exuberance and self-confidence which found an unlikely echo in another new series which, have been more different. In My Dark Fathers (Saturday, BBC2) the first of three Irish Journeys, the award-winning correspondent Fergal Keane revisited his upbringing in north Kerry and the family lega-cy of Irish nationalism.

It took a while to get going. Soul-ful opening shots of drizzly fields. traditional pipe music and poetry ested we were in for a still REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

gelled into a crisp and pungent account of Irish anitudes to British rule, to partition, to the past and to the grip of the Church.

Keane is from independentminded stock. At 19 his grandmother carried guns for the volunteers in her bloomers. His author uncle decried the "priest-ridden" state the country became for a generation or two. Keane himself bemoaned the "tired nationalcism ... suffering and smilt and an over faster rate. darkness and shame".

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It became an upbeat story of progress and hope, told through brief but resonant interviews. The account was denicaless partial, but Keane showed a freer, happier and more self-confident country with the fastest-growing economy in Europe, more optimistic and at ease with itself than ever before, secure enough to exenpromise with the Protestants over the future of the North.

The Irish, it seems, are looking forward to a bright future, so let us hope that they have actually got one and are not about to be plunged into the Apocalyps: with the rest of wicked, staning humanity. A paradox of modern television is that, while much of it seems to "dumbing down" faster than Vic Reeves can bash himself on the head with a frying pan, some documentaries attempt to cram more

ism ... the puritarizal Catholi- and more ideas into our heads at

pocalypse When? (Chan-nel 4, Sunday), an Equinox special, was one of the most ambitious and densely informative programmes that has ever assailed my cognitive functions. A little more structure, digestion and direction to the argument would have made it more satisfying to watch. But as they packed reasonably lucid explanations of the threefold calendars of the Ancient Egyptians, the history of Christian calendars, atomic clocks and the slowing of the Earth's rotation, the origins of ideas of the Apocalypse, several doomsday cults and the mil-

lennium bug into 75 minutes, it seems churlish to complain. Unfortunately they were no more able than anyone else to predict exactly how much confusion will be caused by the "Y2K problem", but we met a New York com-

Jager who has been warning people about it since 1977. The members of the Bethel Gospel Assembly, also of New York, are pretty sure it's going to be catastrophic, however. This will suit them just

They are good and ready for the arrival of the Antichrist, Whore of Babylon, Four Horsemen and all those other undesirables from the Book of Revelation, because assembly members will be included in something called "the Rapture". This means they will be swept up into Heaven with all the other true helievers while the rest of us face gramme our videos.

So it was reassuring to learn that the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christ almost certainly passed uneventfully several years agu, and we can go back to hitting each other over the head with giant frying pans.

6.00am Business Breaklast (4973) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (78075) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8909617)

9.45 The Vanessa Show New series.
Vanessa Feitz presents a live show featuring festion tips, celebrity interviews, and a chance for aspiring singers to get their break (1) (5445487)

10.55 News; Westher (†) (7221181) 11.90 Real Rooms (7321758) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (†) (7228617) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1444013) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (63094)

12.30 Battersea Dogs' Home (98278) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (71162) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (86932617): 1.40 Neighbours Arme and Army fall out (T)

2.05 Ironside Eve's judgement is called into question when a man she once let free is labelled the prime suspect in a multiple murder enquiry (7905907)

2.55 Going for a Song (8890162) 3.20 The Weather Show Contemporary weather stories (1) (2221013)

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (1275902) 3.45 The Littlest Pet Shop (9307365) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9731346) 4.10 Pocket Dragon Adventures (5720926) 4.20 Rugrats (6354029) 4.35 Misery (2uts (1964549) 5.00 Newsround (5701278) 5.10 Blue Peter (6834433)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (591278) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News; Weather (1) (839) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (891)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting guest with the big red book (T) (9948) Watchdog Healthcheck New series. Alice Beer and Dr Mark Porter look into the alleged dangers of using mobile phones, putting phone shelds and headsets to the test. Plus, how a change of diet could help ease the suffering of many of the country's diabetics (1) (425)

8.00 EastEnders Tiliany's clean takes its follon Frank (T) (9896):

8.30 Birds of a Feather Sharon and Tracey's lives are changed forever when their husbands leave for work and never return. First-ever episode of the comedy, starring Pauline Quirke (r) (7) (1471) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News

Weather (T) (6907) 9.30 Paddington Green A transcordal prostitute blemes trequent fines for soliciting force her back onto Paddington's streets, while a time served

wig-maker gives clients his honest opinion (T) (40182) 10.00 Bravo Two Zero Final part. The crack SAS troops face mounting odds deep behind traci lines; as daunitiess Sergeant Andy McNab attempts to fead them safely to the Syrien border. Sean Bean

stars (2/2) (T) (552948) 10.55 Match Of the Day (21525568) 12.30am Havana (1990) Romantic drama, starring Robert Rectiond as a gambler who tempts fare by getting involved with a rebel leader's wife in 1950s Cuba. With

Lene Ofin and Alan Arkin. Directed by Sidney Pollack (T) (6255389).... 1.55 BBC News 24 (75380327)

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5.30 Cricket: The Ashes Australia v England. Highlights of the fifth Test (568) 6.00 The Simpsons Merge lands the role of Blanche Dubbls in an ameteur musical production of A Streetcer Named Desire (r) (1) (446620)

6.25 The Simpleone Mr. Burns has Homer institutionalised on the basis of a written sarety test which Bart fills in on his father's behalf (r) (1) (540610)

6.45 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (T) (787029) 7.00 Digital Planet New series on the marvels of modern communications technology, beginning with a look at how the computer hacker may soon become as great a threat as weaponry, and the



Against the Grain New series Oliver Walston lifts the lid on British farming (1) (617)

8.00 Beat Route Jools Holland goes in search of his musical heroes, boogle woogle pioneers Albert Armons and

Jenniny Yancey (5/6) (1) (7278) : 8.30 Pood and Drink James Martin preparea spicy dishes for a salsa convention, while Antony Worrall Thompson cooks smoked haddock fish cakes (T) (9013) 9.00 Morecambe and Wise Eric and Emie by

folk-singing, boding and Cossack danc-ing in an episode from 1962. Featuring the Kaye Sisters and Teny, Lightfoot and his New Orleans Jazzmen (r) (T) (4549) 9.26 Suspended in Time (1) (223907) Horizon Special Account of the Lincolnshire carpenter John Harrison in the field of naval navigation (T) (277346)

10:20 Clockwatch The world's most accurate mechanical timekaeper (T) (359181) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (219742) 11.13 Suspended in Time (T) (830029) 11.15 Darts: World Professional Champion ship Round-up of the action (353810)

12.00 The Phil Silvers Show Bilko is granted a pariect day (r) (31785) 12.30am Close

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10,25 This Morning (1) (62967487) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather (7) 12.30 TTN Lunchtime News(T) (83346)

1.00 Shordand Street Guy discovers the truth about Troy (79758) 1.30 Home and Away Vinne seeks Justine's longiveness (T) (82617)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (1) (2139297) 2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep The shopping quiz (T) (979636) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (2226568) 3.20 HTV News (T) (2216181)

3.25 CTV: Mopatop's Shop (2205704) 3.35
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of Captam Pugwash (8735162) 4.00
Oggy and the Cockroaches (5580159)
4.20 If's a Mystery (8534079) 4.45
Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1051029)

5.10 A Country Practice (6602510) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) (115907) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (440346) 6.25 WALES: Wates Tonight (T) (394704) 6.25 WEST: HTV Waether (712100) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (87) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (581452)

7.00 Wish You Were Here? Anthea Tume stays at a holiday village in the south of France, while Linda Lusardi reports from Benidom (T) (8384) 7.30 Coronation Street Marin makes a shocking discovery (1) (471)

8.00 Who Wants to Be a Million Big-prize game show (T) (4704) 8.30 Carol Vordaman's Better Homes A two teams of design experts help neighbours increase their properties



9.00 CHOICE The Vice New police charms centred on the Metro-politan Police's vice unit. Starring Ken Stott, Anna Chancellor, Caroine Catz and David Harewood (1/6) (1) (2487)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (1) (59891) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (1) (592617) 10.40 Nash Bridges Nash attempts to smash it counterfeiting ring (T) (327100) 11,40 Body Heat (1981) A lawyer gets

anvolved with a woman who persuades who her to kill her husband. With Wallam Hurt and Kathleen Tumer. Directed by Lawrence Kasdan (1) (52142568) 1.45em Football Extra Football League highlights (857330)

2.45 Dracula (1931) Bela Lugosi stars as the vampire count terrorising London. Directed by Tod Browning (1869327) 4.00 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (5228817) 4.55 ITV Nightscreen (78556719) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (53196)

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10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather

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5.40am The Pink Panther (3002810) 6.00 Sesame Street (32346) 7.00 The Big Bresidast (94013)

9.00 The Costly Show (1) (T) (76568) 9.30 The Costly Show (1) (T) (40100) 10.00 The 1 Don't Care Girl (1953) Musical

ETILY Suppose of the First World War entertainer Sva Tanguay Mito Gaynor stars Directed by Lloyd Bacon (T) (61605) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (1) (T) (3810) **12.00pm Sesame Street** (56704) **12.30 Bewitched** (T) (81988)

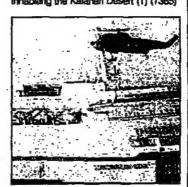
1.00 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (97100) 1.30 Unsigned A distillusioned painter makes a pact with a tramp (r) (55015159) 1.50 The Spanish Gardener (1956) Drama about a diplomat who becomes jealous of his son's growing triendship with their gardener. Dirk Bogarde, Michael Hordem

and Jon Whiteley star. Directed by Philip Leacock (T) (61853549) 3.30 Hampton Court Palace New series.

Behind the scenes at Hampton Court Palace (1/5) (T) (365) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One Highlights (r) (T) (100) 4.30 Countriown (T) (1963988) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (4069346) 5.30 Pet Rescue New series (T) (636) 6.00 Roseanne (r) (T) (549)

6.30 Hollyoeks Tony shows off (T) (29) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (709907) 7.55 Cuban Faces New senes. The first in a week-long series of programmes Cuban Revolution (1/5) (T) (616907)

8.00 Wild Tales The world of bat-eared foxes



A rescue helicopter hovers over the burning Scandinavian Star (9pm)

9.00 CRUICE Mayday New series examin-ing safety at sea locusing on lessons learnt from disasters such as the fire aboard the Scandinavian Star which claimed 158 lives (1/4) (T) (7159) 10.00 White Men Can't Jump (1992)

Basketball hustler Woody Harrelson teams up with fellow on-court con man Wesley Snipes to make a financial killing in LA. Comedy, with Rosie Perez. Directed by Ron Shelton (T) (90463075)

12.10em Mystery Trein (1989) Trio of metrinked stories all set around the right shift at a seedy Memphis hotel.

Masatoshi Nagase and Elizabeth Bracco star. Directed by Jim Jarmusch (200476) 2,10 Frightened City (1961) Landon gangs prepare to join forces but fall out over the money from protection rackets. Staming Herbert Lom and Sean Connery Directed by John Lemont (585766) 4.00 Buildog Jack (1934) A playboy takes

over from injured adventurer Bulldog Drummond and sets about bringing a crooked gang to justice. Cornecty thriter, staming Jack Hulbert and Fay Wray. Directed by Walter Forde (8240921) 5.15 Pictures at an Exhibition The composer Mussorgsky (r) (4618124)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport (7137297) 7.00 WideWorld Singars and panners from the Victorian era (r) (1) (9225100)

7.30 Milkshakel (5902443) 7.35 Wimzie's House /ri (9956013) 8.00 Havaicezoo (r) (1396704) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (1395075)

9.00 Housebusters Ir) (T) (2072487) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (6755549)

10.20 Sunset Beach (1) (2353297) 11.10 Leeza (r) (2233723) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (1393991) 12.30 Family Affairs Annie drops a combshell (I) (T), 5 News Update (9165520)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Macque believes that Sheila may be the poisoner (T) (9224471) 1.30 The Roseanne Show (9164891)



Whoopi Goldberg and Ray Liotta star in a sentimental drama (3.30pm)

3,30 Corrina Corrina (1994) Drama set m the late 1950s, starring Whoopi Goldberg as a housekeeper who falls for widowed employer Ray Luotta and forms a close bond with his shy daughter. Directed by Jessie Nelson (T) (66887742)

about Sunset Beach Events so far in the

6.00 100 Per Cent (5446100)

6.30 Femily Affairs Cat spies Annie leaving the house (T) (5437452) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (6596907)

7.30 Champions of the Wild New senes. Dedicated ian of tarantulas, Rick West, explains his interest in the species, champions the cause for ending their capture from the wild and the trade in importing live specimens (T) (5433636) 8.00 Weather Front Kane Ledger. Paul issues surrounding global weather

8.30 The Great UFO Conspiracy The phenomena of UFOs and the questions surrounding their possible existence (T); 5 News Update (6584162)

9.00 Under Oath (1996) Two top cops learn that their pay increase has been shelved and commit a terrible come to get their own back on the authorities - then find themselves assigned to investigate the case. Thriller, stamng Jack Scalia. Directed by Dave Payne (T) (52477988) 10.40 Dr Fox's Chart Update (8767389)

10.45 Second Best (1994) A shy postmaster living in Wales attempts to adopt the boy he has befriended. Drama with William Hurt. Chris Menges directs (1609013) 12.45am Live and Dangerous Sporting magazine (79482747) 4,40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3252872)

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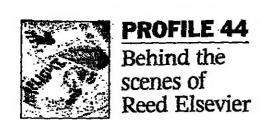
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Pressure grows for rate cut as job prospects worsen

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE BANK of England is facing renewed pressure to cut rates this week after a new survey published today reveals that employment prospects are at their worst for

more than four years. Leading economists are also predicting that the economy began to shrink in the last quarter of 1998, the first contraction in

The City, however, is sharply divided on whether the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee will make a further cut in rates at its monthly meeting this week.
Many analysts believe that having reduced rates by 1.25 per cent in the past three months, the Bank will opt to wait for fresh indications on the health of the

There is also increasing evidence that a last-minute Christmas shopping rush may have resulted in a better than expect-

ed performance on the high street. Banks are reporting record cash machine withdrawals and debit card spending over the Christmas period. Barclays said that £1.29 billion was withdrawn from its ma-chines in December.

However, the Manpower Quarterly Survey of Employment Prospects shows that job prospects in all sectors of the econ-omy are beginning to decline and that the trend rate is now similar to that going into the recession of the early Nineties. The

previously buoyant service sector is worst affected with nearly a quarter of companies expecting to reduce employment, compared with just 5 per cent planning to

raise staffing levels.
Further bad news is expected in the publication of the gross domestic product data this month showing the economy ef-fectively in recession. Steven Bell, chief economist at Deutsche Bank, predicted that the Bank would wait to see the GDP data before cutting rates again. However,

Statistics may choose to be cautious in its first estimate of GDP — which is based on an analysis of only 40 per cent of the total data - because the figure is likely to

prove pivotal.

Michael Saunders, at Salomon Smith Barney/Citibank, supported the view that the data will show that the economy contracted in the fourth quarter but added that the Bank is likely to reduce rates by a quarter point this month because weaken-

ing activity data has predominated since the last MPC meeting in December. Two reports published by leading eco-nomic think-tanks today also support the view that the economy is now on the verge of a technical recession. However, Ordand: Economic Forecasting and Cambridge Econometrics are optimistic that the economy will avoid a deep recession with growth totalling about 0.5 per-peat this year and rising to between 1 and 2 per cent in 2000.

Pound faces turbulent euro future

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent, and Caroline Merrell

THE pound faces a "highly uncertain" future and could suffer some torrid trading as the single European currency finally became a reality, the City and the Bank of England cautioned last night.

John Townend, director for Europe at the Bank of England, said that the immediate outlook for sterling-euro trad-ing is clouded. "It's a highly uncertain outlook, we'll just have to see in the market place how sterling behaves." Mr Townend said

Most analysts expect the euro to strengthen in the coming weeks as central banks and investors shift an estimated \$1 trillion of assets into the new currency. Asian central banks, in particular, have indicated that they want to buy into euros to reduce their heavy reliance on dollars in their reserves.

As a result, many economists expect the pound to lose value against the euro, though there is a risk that the pound could also continue to be treated as a "safe haven" by investors.

Trapped between the dollar and the euro, sterling is likely to face some volatile trading. David Kern, chief economist at NatWest, said: "The euro is poised to be a strong currency that could threaten both the pound and the dollar. Over a period of months, the value of the pound against the euro is likely to fall."

Full-scale trading in the euro finally kicked off last night in Sydney, the first big currency market to reopen ai-

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ter the new year holiday, with the euro immediately making modest gains from last week's

official conversion price. Sydney traders quoted an opening price of \$1.1747, compared with the European Commission's official conversion price of \$1.1685. The euro also strengthened against the pound, climbing from 70.54p to 70.80p.

Trade was reported to be light, a trend that is expected to continue in European markets today as dealers wait to see if any problems emerge at the end of the conversion process. The Bank of England, however, yesterday expressed confidence that the conversion process had gone to plan. David Clementi, the Deputy Governor who has been overseeing euro prepara-tions, said: "The conversion weekend across the City has gone very smoothly indeed. Peo-

ple are well prepared." The Bank's comments were supported by other financial institutions, with many reporting that they were able to send home early some of the esti-mated 30,000 people at work

Nick Turdean, euro conversion manager at Credit Suisse First Boston, said that banks could lose money if they found that their software systems were not reconciling accounts correctly in euros. If this happened, the bank would have to

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Japanese debut: A money dealer checks the euro rate on his screen at the start of euro trading at a Tokyo foreign exchange brokerage yesterday

GEC joins race to buy Nats stake

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

close to agreeing a merger with British Aerospace, its defence rival, has emerged as a potential front-runner to buy the 51 per cent of the National Air Traffic Control Services (Nats) that has been put up for sale by the Government.

The electronics group headed by Lord Simpson of Dunkeld is believed to be one of a

delivered a 180-page report on Nats to the Treasury and the Department of Transport just before Chrismas. The Government is believed to favour a trade sale, rather than a straightforward flotation.

Nats handles about 1.6 million flights a year and makes operating profits of £50 million. However, the privatisation

air traffic control centre in Swanwick, Hampshire: Nats was forced to admit last year that the control centre could open five years late because of problems with a computer system being built for it by Lock-:

heed Martin: The privatisation has also hit problems because of govern-ment plans to build a £2 billion

could be in doubt because any revenue raised from the sale of Nats would be diminished by the project. The initiative, Sky Solutions, was to have been carried out in conjunction with Lockheed and Bovis. Under the plan the companies would design, build and operate the Scot-

tish centre for 25 years. The legislation for the Nats

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Credit Suisse First Boston has been the new £350 million Finance Initiative. The plans year because of the need to decide how Nats will charge its

> The Government will retain a golden share in Nats but says it will not use its position to alter commercial decisions. The sell-off of Nats was announced last summer, at the same time as the announcement of the sale of the Tote and the Royal Mint

Goldsmiths poised to deepen retail gloom

By DOMINIC WALSH

GOLDSMITHS, the jewellery retailer that last month admitted being in bid talks, is today expected to add to the gloom pervading the high street with a disappointing Christmas trading statement. A source close to the group. which is thought to be in talks with Alchemy Partners, the venture capital group, said yesterday: "There's very little good news coming out of the high street. Most people have had a pretty tough Christmas. In addition, last year's trading

was boosted by windfalis." 16 Shout in fear, laughter (6) apdate, which will cover the 21 Social insect. 1 ac variety (3) 48 weeks to January 4, is unlikely to make any reference to the takeover speculation that has lifted the Goldsmiths ACROSS: 1 Megastar 5 Aces 8 Cairn 9 Supremo 11 Bog 12 Yom Kippur 13 Ethnic 15 Sawyer 18 Expletive 19 Fug 20 Steeple 21 Idyll 22 Mask 23 Hysteria DOWN: I Macabre 2 Going 3 Sunny side up 4 Assume 6 Cheaply share price from a low of 99p to 169p in the past two weeks. Jurek Piasecki, chairman and chief executive, is thought

Alchemy to take Goldsmiths private in a deal pitched at about 185p a share, valuing the jeweller at just over £44 million. It would be the second time that he has bought the company out. Two years after he became chairman in 1985 he accepted a £43 million

flame, only to buy the business back for £30 million in 1988. It was valued at £43 million at flotation in 1990. Goldsmiths last month ad-

mitted receiving a "very pre-liminary approach" to enter discussions on a takeover.

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Bid boost likely for LucasVarity

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in LucasVarity are likely to receive a boost this morning amid mounting speculation that the motor components group has become a

takeover target. Heading the list of suitors mooted over the weekend is TRW, the Cleveland motor components and aerospace group. A year ago, the two companies formed a joint venture to develop power-assisted steering systems.

The rumours may be connected to suggestions that Lucas Vari-ty is considering reversing into a US auto components manufacturer. It recently had its plans to become a US company blocked by shareholders, but Victor Rice, its chief executive, believes a US quote is vital for it to partie

inate in industry consolidation. The list of potential US suitors includes Federal Mogul. Dana Corporation and Tenneco, while, in Europe, Valeo and Siemens are tipped.

Tay chiefs face coup attempt

BY ROBERT LEA

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THE boardroom row at Tay Homes, the northern housebuilder, will erupt into an open coup attempt today when a disaffected leading shareholder calls for a mass sacking of directors and the elec-tion of himself as chief executive. Tay Homes, which has seen its shares

steadily decline over the past five years, has been the subject of investor discon-tent led by Phillips & Orew, a 15 per cent

Last month the Tay board received demands for a strategic review of the company. In addition the man calling for

ange, Richard Tice, chief executive of Sunley Group, the unquoted building company, and a 10 per cent shareholder in Tay, said that he should take over as

chief executive. Just before Christmas, however, Tay's chairman, Norman Stubbs, and its chief executive. John Swanson, rejected Mr

Today Mr Tice, claiming the support of Phillips & Drew, will call for an extraordinary meeting of the company to remove Messes Stubbs and Swanson, as well as Stephen Evans, the finance director, and Jack Green, non-executive director, from

tive, backed by Peter Hedges, a 3i director, as chairman and Stewart Urry, a Binder lamlyn partner, as finance director. Tim Walter, the former Five Oaks Investments director, would become a non-executive. Mr Tice argues that over the past five

years Tay has underperformed the FISE

all-share index by 60 per cent and the

building and construction sector by 40

per cent It is thought that he would like to run Sunley side by side with Tay and that this move would forestall any hidder taking Tay at a substantial discount to net asset value.

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